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London, To-day.

Reorganisation of the air arm of the British Fleet, which had been talked about for a long time, has now been begun by the Admiralty, according to a statement made by a spokesman of the Admiralty in an interview with the Air Correspondent of the "Daily Mail."

The Admiralty has drawn up a Four-Year-Plan after the completion of which, the personnel of the Fleet Air Arm will have been brought from the present strength of 3,000 men to a strength of 10,000.

Recruitment of the additional 7,000 men will be begun at once.

The Admiralty envisages the following relation of the various fleet branches in the future: one third surface craft, one third aircraft and one third underwater craft.

The planned reorganisation of the Fleet Air Arm which is to be

NEW YEAR HOLIDAY

There will be no issue of the "China Mail" on Monday, owing to the New Year holiday, but publication will be resumed on Tuesday.

We take this opportunity of wishing our Readers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

completed in 1942 provides for the taking over of four Royal Air Force stations by the Fleet, namely the stations at Ford, in Sussex, Donibristine, in Fifeshire and Lee-on-Solent, where the Fleet Air Arm Division is to be stationed, and at Worthy Down in Hampshire.

OWN LAND BASES

The fleet air arm is to be divided into two sections. The first is to be responsible for motors, conditioning and repairing of planes, and the second for the planes proper and their equipment and armament.

In editorial comment on the reorganisation, the "Daily Mail" points out that the "Air Fleet" will

Public curiosity has been much piqued by Mr. Wang Ching-wei's departure from Chungking, which is given prominence in all newspapers.

Explanation most favoured by Chinese circles is that he hopes to obtain better terms than announced by the Japanese Premier, to put before the Generalissimo, but his chance of success is generally considered very scanty.

Noticeable feature of the progress of the war is the steady rise in the prestige of General Chiang Kai-shek.

His sincerity and determination are undoubted, while it is now generally accepted that all vocal elements in China are firmly united behind him.

Belief in the Chinese chances has been decidedly strengthened since the fall of Hankow, as is shown by the recovery of Chinese loans.

It is known that China is negotiating substantial purchases of motorlorries and railway and telegraph equipment in Great Britain, indicating confidence at home which begets confidence abroad.

NOT A GOOD SIGN

Japanese enforcement of the National Mobilisation Law is not regarded as a good sign.

On the other hand, the "Daily Mail," commenting on the huge Japanese Budget, warns against imagining that she cannot stand the strain.

"About the capacity of nations to sustain wars, economists are always wrong. A people's will and necessity are stronger than any conclusion to be found in economic primers."

IN REAL ADVERSITY?

"The whole question is whether Japan can make occupied China pay a dividend," said a leading Far Eastern financier to Reuter yesterday.

"Thereby she stands or falls."

"In view of the enormous cost of the military occupation, it seems very unlikely that she can, but the Japanese have never yet been defeated and no-one knows what they will do in real adversity."—Reuter.

thus for the first time in its existence get its own bases on land, and reserves.

The Admiralty is not to be blamed for this tardy development since the fleet air arm was placed under its full control only in 1937, up to which time the Admiralty shared responsibility with the Air Ministry.—Trans-Ocean.

London, To-day.

SCOTCH MUST
BE SCOTCH

New York, To-day.

A suit brought by William Jameson and Company to be allowed to import whiskies labelled "Scotch" was dismissed in the Columbia District Court yesterday.

The Federal Alcoholic Administration refused entry to the whisky because the British excise authorities had declined to certify the mixture of half Scotch and half Irish whiskies as "blended Scotch whisky."

Plaintiffs asked for an injunction compelling the United States Customs to release such imports and declare the regulations of the Federal Alcoholic Administration unconstitutional.

The court declined both applications.—Reuter.

Many were wounded and three are reported to have been killed.—Our Own Correspondent.

VILLAGE NEAR
SHEKKI STRAFED

Macao, To-day.

About 9 a.m. yesterday a fleet of Japanese pursuit planes flew over Shekki, and swooping down on Cheungchau, opposite Shek-ki, opened machine-gun fire.



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"Lord! Bless Our Battle!" —HITLER

"PERHAPS the pacifist-humane idea is quite a good one in cases where the man at the top has first thoroughly conquered and subdued the world to the extent of making himself the sole master of it. Thus, first the Struggle, and then the Pacifism."

These words constitute the sole concession to peaceful doctrine and belief that Hitler permits himself in 800 pages of the original *Mein Kampf*.

He hastens to point out that unless the world dictator has first completely beaten down all resistance to his will, then chaos has triumphed and not any ethical idea. "Some will laugh at this theory, but the world once spun through space for millions of years devoid of Man. It will do so again 'if men forget or fail to understand and ruthlessly apply the age-old laws of Nature.'"

Germany, before the war, fell into this most lamentable error. Desperately her lusty expanding strength needed room to stretch in, needed land. But her rulers shied at war, which was inevitable. Instead, they sought peace "at any price." They invented and pursued the absurd policy of peaceful economic conquest of the world. Of course, they did not succeed in dodging destiny. Dreaming of world peace, they landed the German people in world war, and at the most inconvenient hour for them.

Such was the leadership of the professors, the sorry intellectuals who presumed to rule Germany in 1914, men who learned history—and taught it—without knowing in the least what it was all about.

Well, Hitler knew anyway (so he says) that things were not what they seemed.

"In my excitable youth," he writes "nothing had worried me so much as having been born in a time when it was evident that the only people who had temples erected in

'MEIN KAMPF'

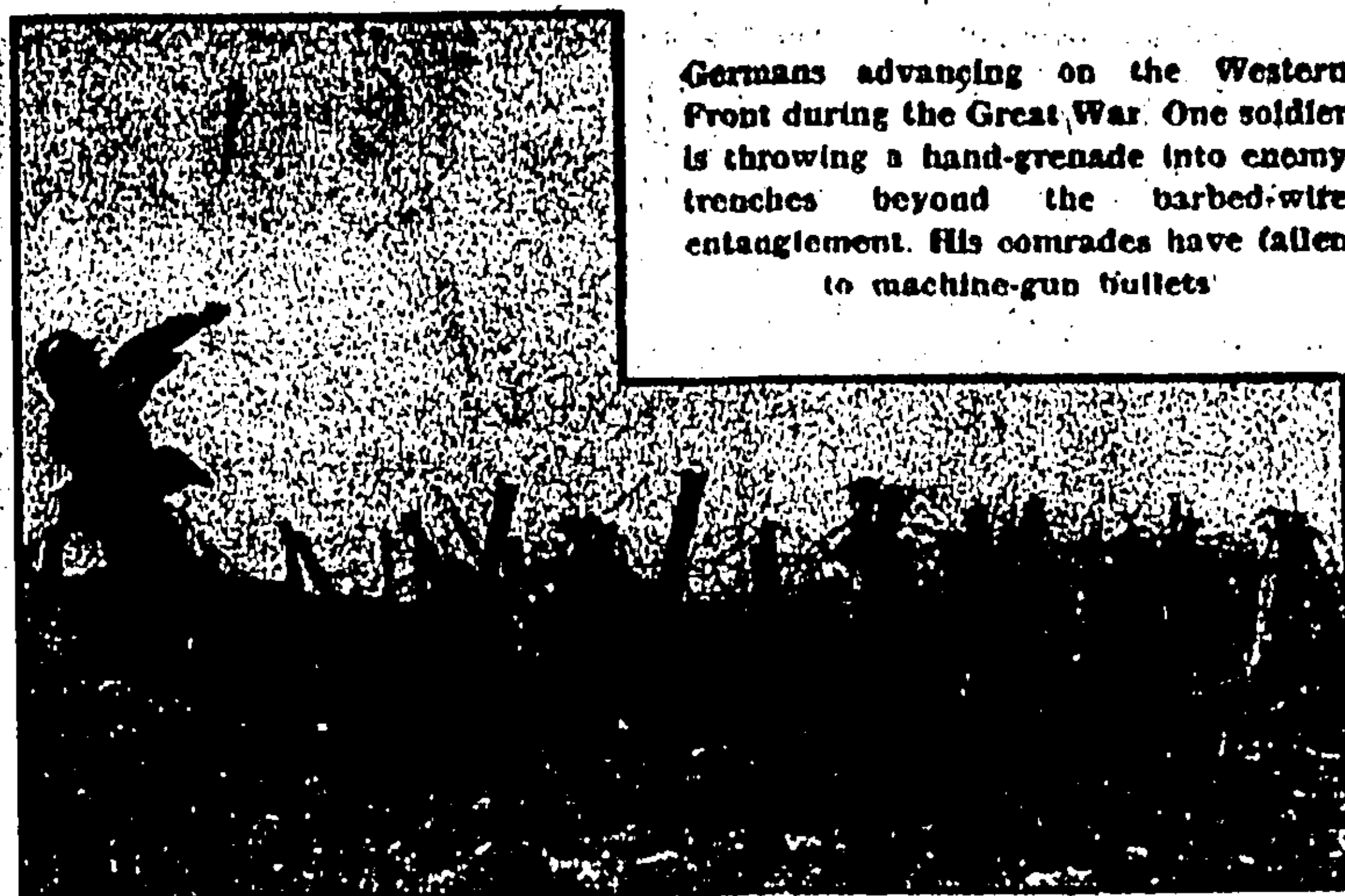
their honour were merchants and officials. Why could I not have been born a hundred years earlier, somewhere about the time of the War of Liberation (against Napoleon) when a man was still worth something, quite apart from 'business'?"

Though it seemed that the future was going to belong to "peaceful competition," that is, quiet mutual swindling which stops just short of violence, though the whole universe was on the way to becoming a single vast warehouse under Jewish bosses—Hitler affirms (not in the English version) "I was never a pacifist, and all educational efforts in this direction were a failure."

The Schoolboy Makes Germany Bigger

The reader may believe him. As a schoolboy the future Fuehrer spent moody hours pouring over maps. When his fellows chipped him he answered loftily, "I am wiping out the boundaries of Germany, MAKING THEM BIGGER!" He devoured popular accounts of the Franco-Prussian war, and was fascinated with the cheap coloured prints of victorious Germans chasing Frenchmen. He wondered why ALL Germans had not fought against the French.

The Boer War was like a flash of light to him (he was 10 years of age). He hung around for the newspapers every day, and was happy to be even a far-off witness of this heroic war. As for the Russo-Japanese war four years later, Hitler claims that it found him already pro-Jap, because he saw the defeat of the Russians—a setback for the Austrian pro-Slav people who had temples erected in



Germans advancing on the Western Front during the Great War. One soldier is throwing a hand-grenade into enemy trenches beyond the barbed-wire entanglement. His comrades have fallen to machine-gun bullets.

Ecstatically Hitler went to war to bring the job to an end quickly, himself "I prayed to Heaven that the most drastic devices do Destiny be given a free course. that most effectively. The cruellest And then the first thunderbolt weapons are, in fact, the most shook the world. The storm broke humane, for they curtail the loose, and with the thunder in the slaughter in the long run." sky mingled the droning of the guns of the world war."

Ecstatically Hitler stayed at war. "I was lucky enough to have taken part in the first and the last offensives."

He was not much liked by his comrades. To begin with he never joined them in drinking bouts in billets and had no time whatever for their talk of women. He did not even grouse. Indeed he would sometimes treat them to a patriotic outburst, which is more popular on the home front than in the trenches. Nor, when the other men received parcels from home was there ever one for Hitler; hardly even a letter in the four years. He stood morosely and perhaps pathetically apart when the post from home arrived. He had no wife, no mother, no sweetheart. When it was all over in 1918 he went back—to his barracks.

Let the soldier speak:

"Thus the fighting went on from year to year; horror had taken the place of the romance of battle. Enthusiasm cooled off and the glorious exuberance, was drowned in the agony of death. A time came when each man had to struggle between the urge of self-preservation and the call of duty. By the winter of 1915 this struggle was over with me. In the early days I had joined in the attack with cheers and laughter; now I was calm and determined. The young volunteer had grown into an old soldier. The change went on throughout the army. The perpetual fighting aged and hardened it and broke any who could not stand up against the storm."

Elsewhere in *Mein Kampf* he pays a tremendous tribute to the German army, which even in the shameful Revolution held on to its tradition of self-sacrifice, responsibility and stern devotion. "In the sink of general flabbiness and effeminacy there shot up in the ranks of the army thousands of young men in the pride of their strength who in two years forgot the softness of youth and acquired bodies strong as steel. It was not for no reason that the inveterate hatred of the Jews was concentrated on the army. Their greed and envy required that the State should be powerless."

Cruellest Weapons Most Humane In The End

As for the method of waging war, he thoroughly approved of Prussian "thoroughness." Hitler accepts Von Moltke's dictum, "the essential is

And the objectives of war? The present security of the German Race, the future return of all their former lands. "The recovery of lost provinces is not achieved by solemn invocations of the Beloved Lord, nor through pious hopes in a League of Nations, but through armed violence alone."

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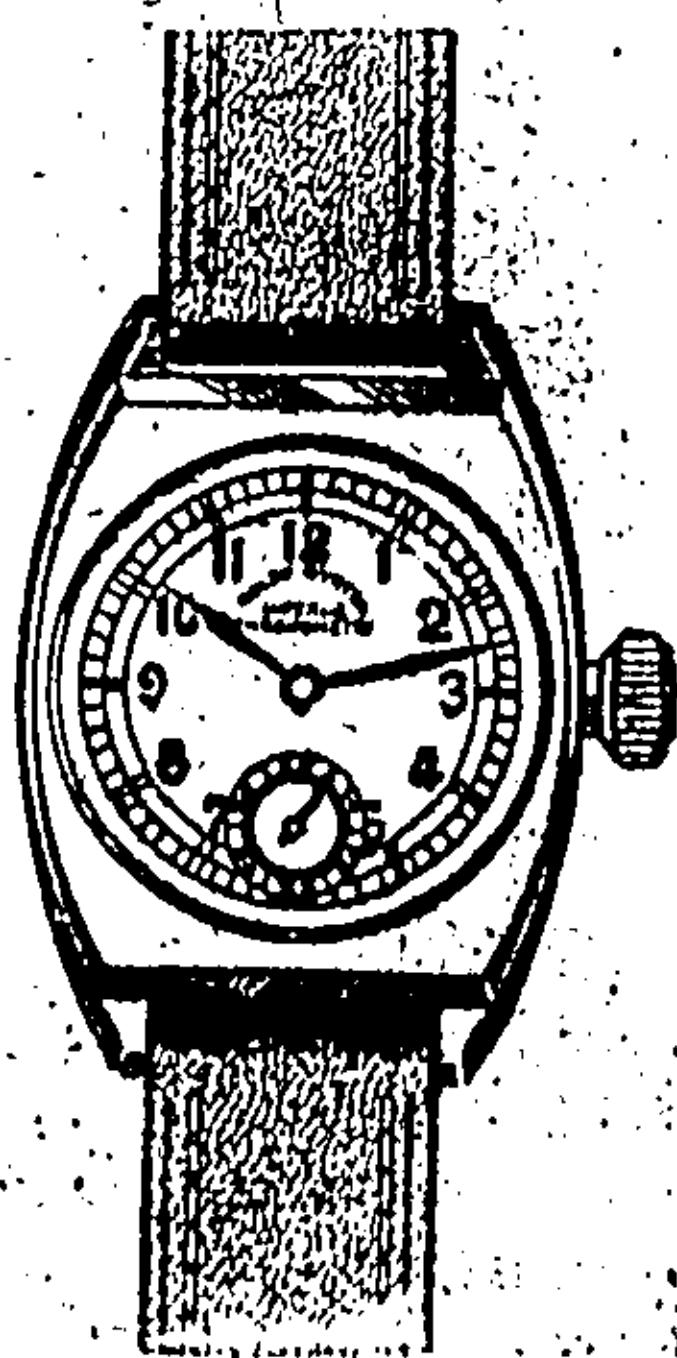
"Once more we want weapons! Yea—and even such a Treaty as Versailles can serve this end! In the infinity of its oppression, in the shamelessness of its demands, lies the greatest propaganda weapon for re-awakening the slumbering life-will of the nation! Then everything, from the child's primer to the latest newspaper, every theatre, every cinema, every bulletin board and every empty fence space will be placed in the service of this one great single mission, until the fear-prayers of our present pseudo-patriots 'Lord make us free!' will be changed even in the brain of the smallest boy to the glowing appeal, 'Almighty God, bless our weapons for the future. Be just as You have ever been just. Judge now whether we are worthy of freedom. LORD! BLESS OUR BATTLE!'"

To-morrow Hitler sums up *ENG-LAND*. Next week begins the story of his actual "Struggle," his quarrel with his father, his view about himself, his ill-starred armed rising, imprisonment, march to power and the massacre of his old friends.

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"EARLIEST WITH THE
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What The Stars Foretell

By MARY BLAKE

A spirit of contrariness, may interests are similar to your own. afflict a good many people this day, making them almost unbearable to those with whom they come in contact. Any form of stubbornness will be dangerous to indulge in. It will be good policy to stand shoulder to shoulder with those whose

Simplicity will have a strong appeal, whereas anything bordering upon the bombastic, pedantic, flashy or over-dressed might have just the opposite effect. Any business plan that is in the course of preparation this day is apt to succeed. Auspicious conditions prevail for mapping out, organizing, or systematizing details relating to commercial enterprises. Married and engaged couples, as well as those in love, must be careful what promises they make this day because they will be expected to keep them, and any excuse offered later on, for failing to do this, is not likely to be accepted.

If a woman and December 31 is your birthday, you should be a very agreeable companion. You probably love to indulge in day dreams, especially of a sentimental nature. You are considerate of the feelings and desires of other people, and expect, most likely, to be accorded a great amount of attention yourself, in return. If some pet ambition spurs you on, a brilliant achievement is to be the result. You ought to have an excellent

Witty Kitty



Judging from scenes on the dance floor it isn't only life but conquest that begins at 40.



"We should all be thankful, too," says thanksgiving Tilda, "that we don't have lots of things that the other fellow has."

memory, particularly for faces and, perhaps, for names. Through radio work, the stage, concert platform, selling, writing or interior decorating, you might win both a name and wealth. In selecting a husband you apparently will display excellent taste and good judgment.

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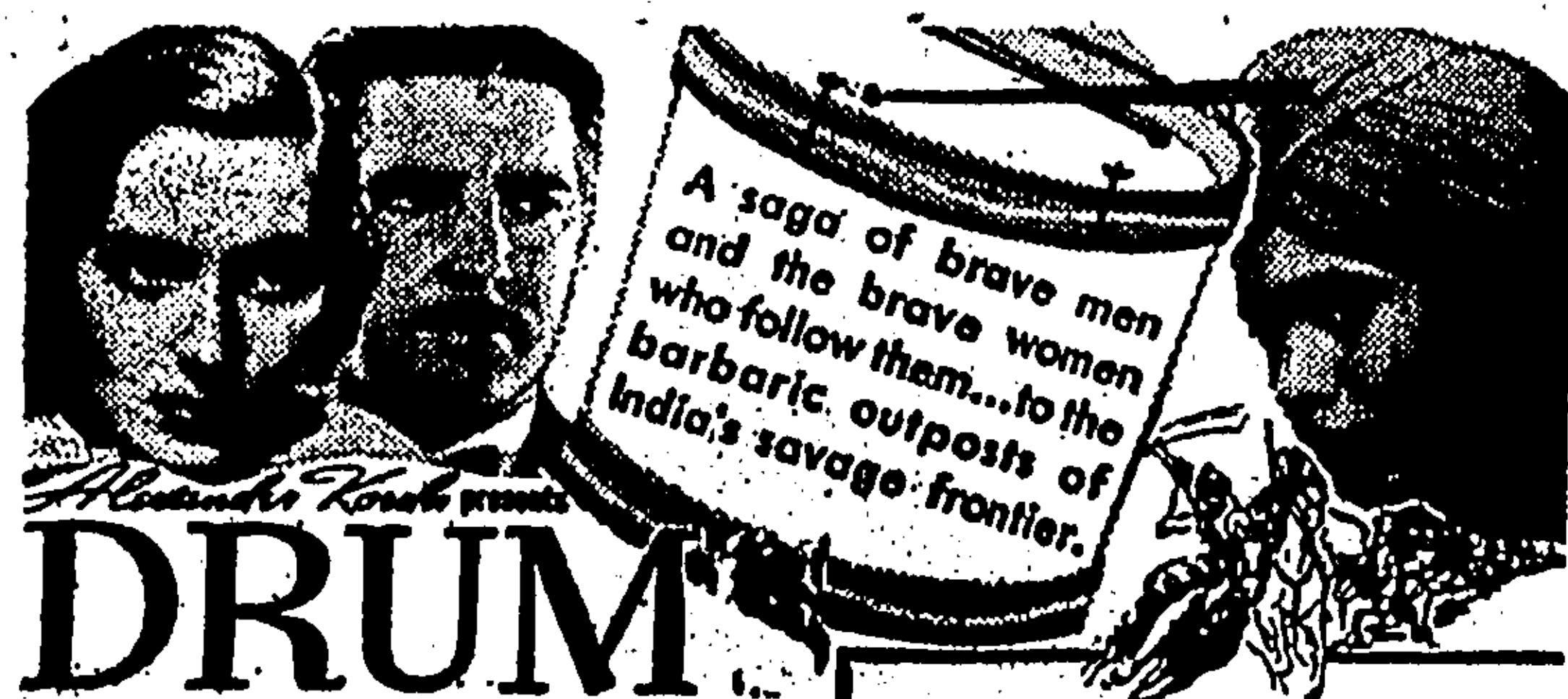
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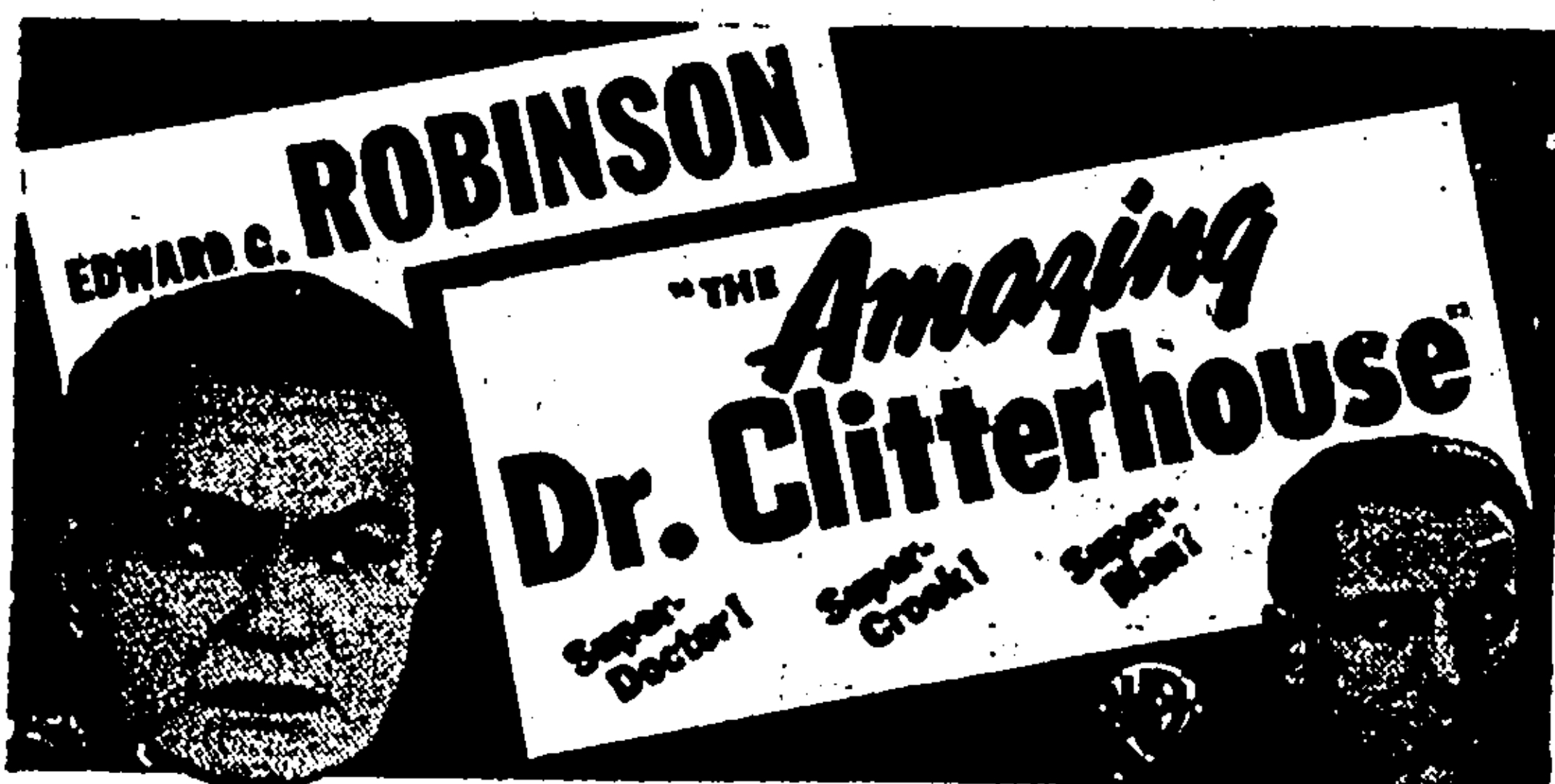
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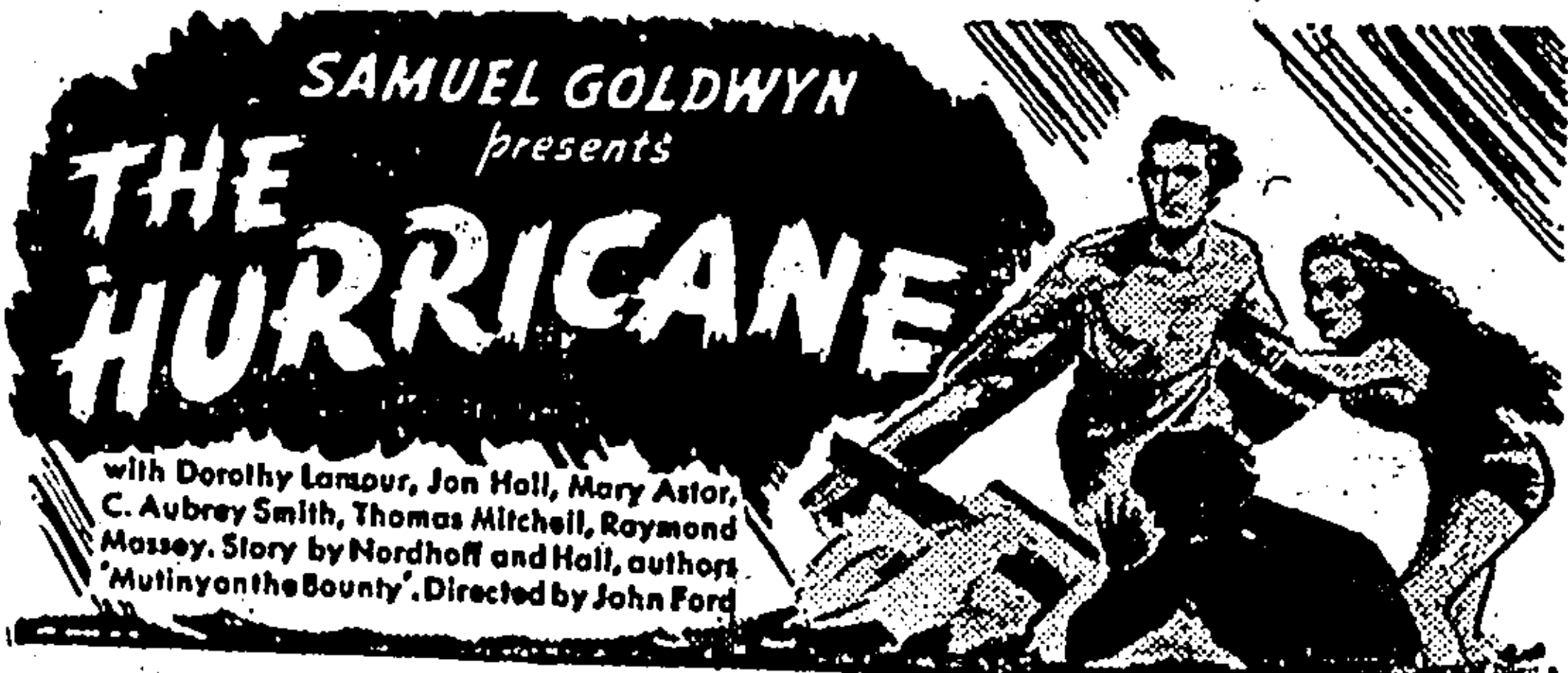


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New York, To-day.

With most of the hotels charging an average of \$35 (about H.K.\$105), for dinner, New York is preparing to spend one of the most expensive New Year's Eves after depression times.

Fifteen hundred extra hands have been engaged to augment the city's regular 15,000 bartenders, though New Year's Eve celebrants in New York will have to observe the regular Sunday, 3 a.m., curfew in respect of the serving of liquor.

The curfew has been raised in some other States, however.

As usual, upwards of half a million are expected to jam Times Square, where shops have been boarded up and the lower parts of windows guarded against breakage.

Scores of extra police have been drafted into the city to handle the throngs.

DAWN OF NEW DAY

All over the country, on the stroke of midnight, millions of celebrants will hear bands over the radio and in dance-halls, restaurants and night clubs blare forth George Gershwin's composition "Dawn of a New Day," which has been chosen as the theme song of the New York World's Fair.

New expressions which will be heard wherever people gather to celebrate to-night are the Fair's two slogans—"Happy New Era" and "Things will be fine in thirty-nine."—Reuter.

ANTI-SEMITIC LAW LEADS TO SUICIDE

Budapest, Dec. 26.

Dr. Irma Szabo, Christian, poisoned herself to-day after being driven to desperation by the new anti-Semitic law promulgated by the Hungarian Government.

The 45-year-old woman reached the decision to take her life because she had not three Christian grandparents and knew that although Christian by religion, she would be considered Jewish by blood.

In a letter addressed to her husband, she wrote, "If I cannot remain in Hungary, I prefer to leave this world."—Havas.

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BERLIN, DECEMBER 9.

TENS OF THOUSANDS OF MEN AND WOMEN IN GERMANY ARE FACED WITH A HEART-RENDING DILEMMA AS A RESULT OF A NEW ORDER BY THE NAZI GOVERNMENT. THEY MUST EITHER BREAK OFF THEIR MARRIAGES WITH THOSE THEY LOVE OR SHARE WITH THEM THE FATE OF OUTCASTS — WORKLESS, HOMELESS, PENNILESS, AND DOOMED EITHER TO PERISH OR TO GO DESTITUTE INTO EXILE.

According to this order, Aryan men and women married to Jews must dissolve their marriages at once or be regarded as full-blooded Jews.

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In the latter case their property will suffer all the confiscatory measures to which Jewish property is subjected, and they will be subjected to indignities and ill-treatment.

The Jews of Germany are preparing a last-hour despairing appeal to be sent to President Roosevelt and Mr. Chamberlain, begging for temporary sanctuary for at least 100,000 of their people until more permanent homes can be found.

They are informed that before December 31 the German Government will issue a complete new anti-Jew law, which will not only codify and make completely watertight the present regulations against Jews, but will include several new orders.

FORCED LABOUR

Jews will be forbidden to use public vehicles, unless they are provided with special compartments marked and reserved for Jews, similar to the cars for Negroes in America. Before they will be allowed to travel by train, they will have to go to the police, write a petition, and secure a special permit.

All Jewish men who are, by January 1, workless or homeless, and who cannot get permits to go abroad, will be rounded up into special huge forced labour camps, which will be organised throughout the country at places where there is a large demand for heavy labour near quarries, cement factories and brickworks.

There will be about 15,000 men in each camp, and it is estimated that soon there will be 10 of these camps. It has not yet been decided what will be done with the Jewish women and children, but they will be kept separate from their men-folk.

The rule that Jews shall wear a yellow arm band, introduced in Vienna, will be made general.

BOMB RAID TO CELEBRATE CHRISTMAS

Madrid, December 25. The little city of Ponzoblanco, in Cordoba province, celebrated Christmas in complete ruins this year.

Only this morning was it possible to draw up the full list of casualties and damage inflicted on the town on December 23, when six nationalist Savoia-Marchetti bombing planes dropped more than 100 missiles over the city.

Eight people were killed and 25 wounded, most of them seriously. Material damage proved to be appalling: high in the popular district of La Feri, out of 160 houses, only three were standing to-day. — Havas.

BLINDNESS REVERSED

Temporarily blinded by mustard gas, Lt.-Col F. H. Wallis Commanding the 1st Battalion London Rifle Brigade, stood in a captured German dugout in the Hindenburg Line.

A dispatch runner arrived from Brigade Headquarters with a message brought through enemy fire and muddy trenches.

The officer could not see the message. "Read it to me," he asked. It was a telegram from England. "David born 27th. Both doing well," it announced.

That was 21 years ago. David's "coming of age" party was held at the Wallis home at Pinner, and the guest of honour was Mr. R. Cowley, the runner. As he proposed David's health the actual telegram which the Colonel had been unable to read was shown to the 60 guests.

But this time Cowley couldn't read it.

When Colonel Wallis met Cowley at a regimental reunion dinner last January, the runner had reintroduced himself by saying: "Don't you remember how blind you were, Sir?" As the colonel looked up he realised that Cowley himself was now blind.

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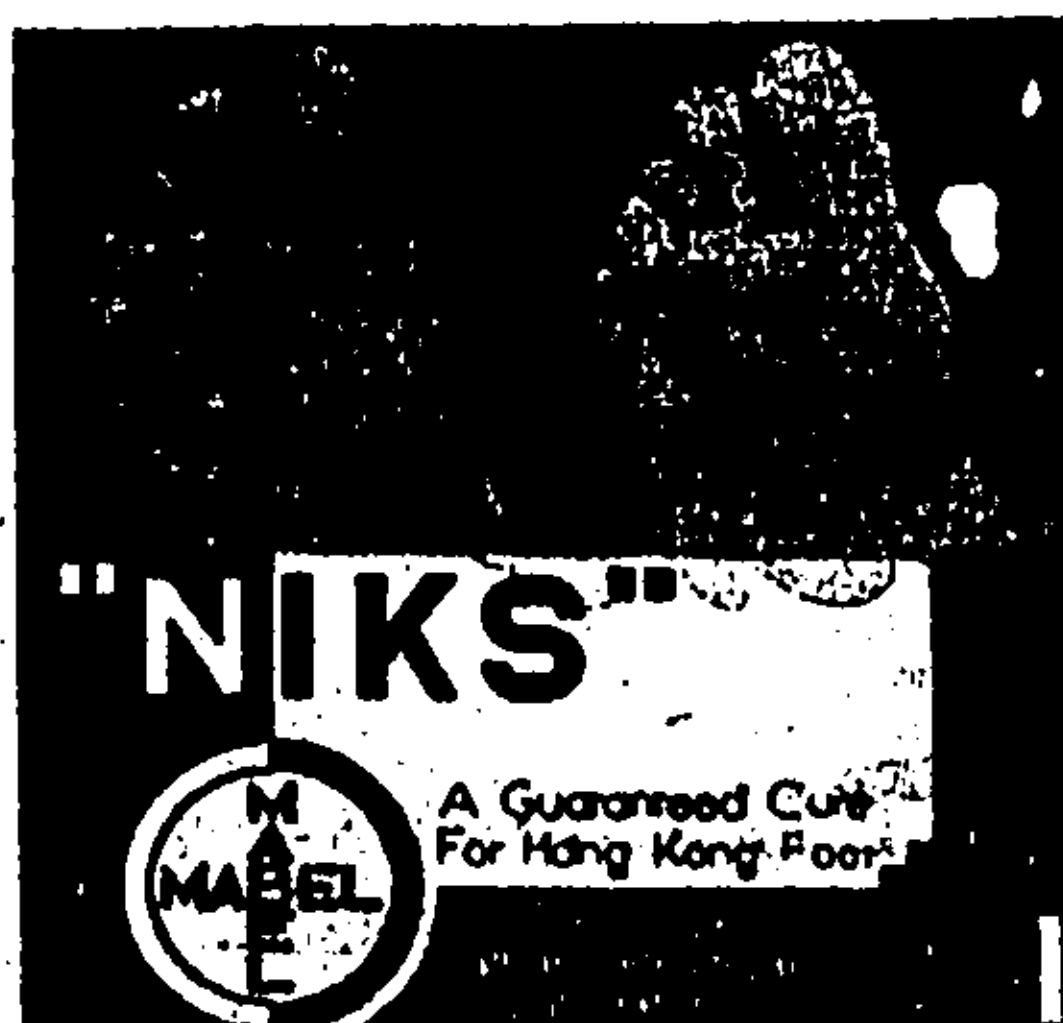
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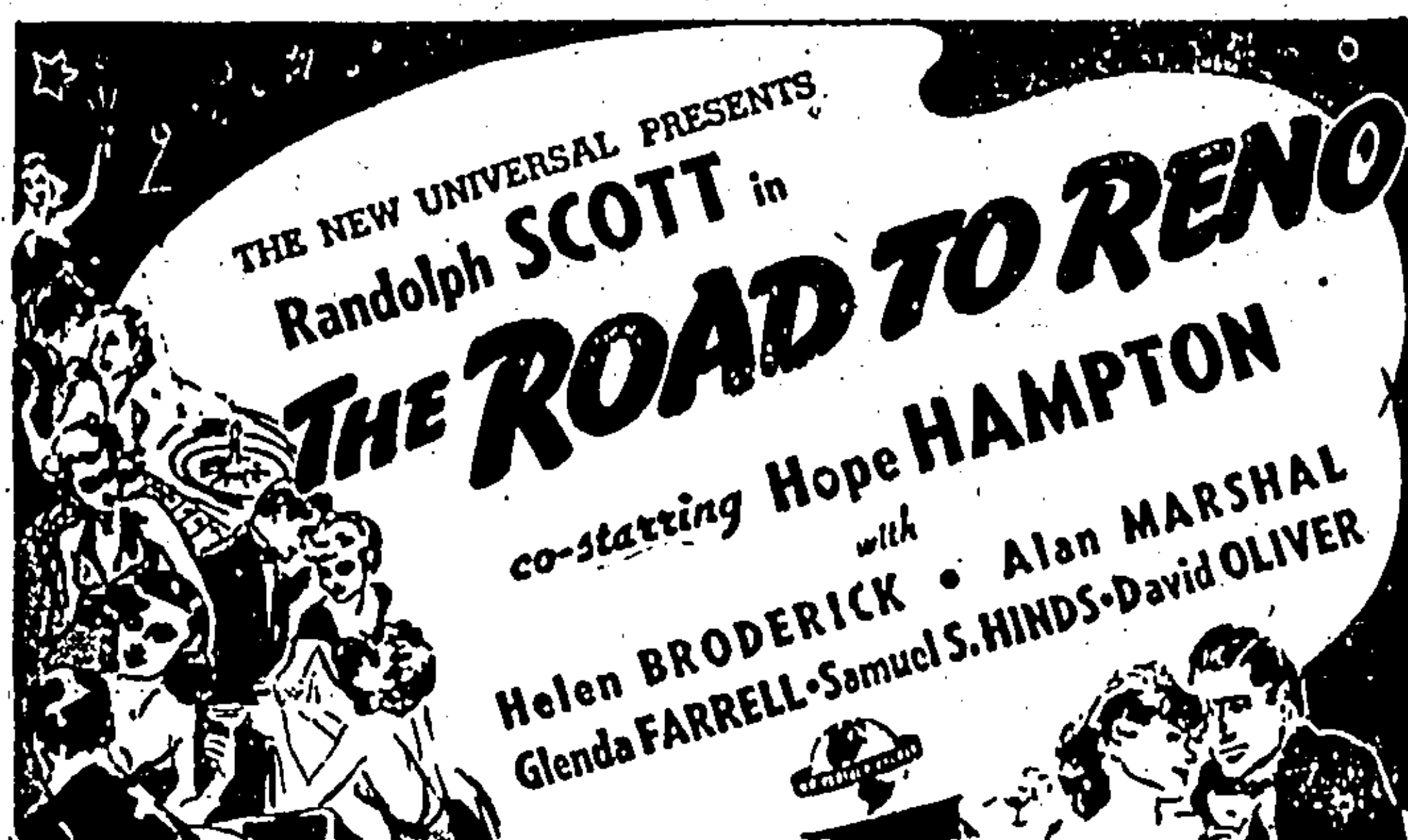
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DEATH OF JAPANESE IN SOVIET PRISON CAUSES SENSATION IN TOKYO

Tokyo, To-day.

A sensation has been caused here by news from Moscow that Daiji Takahashi, manager of the Japanese merchant shipping agency at Vladivostok, died recently in prison "somewhere in the Soviet Union."

Takahashi was arrested and imprisoned in the Spring of last year on suspicion of military espionage.

An official report received by the Japanese Foreign Office states that the first secretary of the Japanese Embassy in Moscow called on the Soviet Foreign Office and demanded the immediate release of six Japanese, including Takahashi at present detained by the Soviet authorities.

He was informed that Takahashi had died in prison and that the remaining five men would be committed for public trial shortly on charges of espionage.—Reuter.

JAP. WARSHIP DAMAGED

Chungking, To-day.

A damaged Japanese warship was towed into Kiangnan Dockyard on Thursday for repair, a Shanghai message states.

The warship is believed to have been damaged by Chinese shelling on the Yangtze River. — Central News.

AID FOR AIR RAID SUFFERERS

Chungking, To-day.

The Executive Yuan has instructed the National Relief Com-

mission to allot an adequate fund to relieve sufferers from Japanese air raids in Kweilin and Wuchow. — Central News.

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HITLER DEMANDS EQUALITY WITH BRITAIN IN SUBMARINES

Special Clause In Navy Treaty Invoked

British Naval Delegation Now In Berlin

London, To-day.

It is learned in London that Germany has notified Britain of her intention to exercise the right, under the Anglo-German Naval Agreement, to build a total tonnage in submarines equal to the total British submarine tonnage.

Discussion in this connection is proceeding in Berlin, in accordance with the terms of the Agreement.

It is recalled that the Anglo-German Agreement, while limiting Germany to 35 per cent. of Britain's general naval tonnage, and to 45 per cent. of Britain's submarine tonnage, gave Germany the right, if she considered the circumstances necessitated, to build up to the full British submarine tonnage.

However, it was laid down that such an increase should only be made after friendly discussion between the two Governments.

It is understood that part of the task of the British mission will be to seek information on the nature of the circumstances which, in the German view, necessitated an increase in submarine tonnage.

It is hoped that as a result of the conversations, Germany will agree to meet Britain on various points which the British delegation is putting forward.

BRITISH TONNAGE

British submarine tonnage at present is about 70,000, whereas Germany is believed to have about 25,000.

The increase in submarine tonnage has necessitated an adjustment of the respective tonnage in other categories in order that Germany's total fleet tonnage shall remain 35 per cent. of Britain's.

It is understood that the discussions in Berlin will also deal with the armament of the two new German cruisers.—Reuter.

OFFICIAL STATEMENT

Berlin, To-day.

The fact that a British naval delegation is at present in the Nazi capital discussing application of the Anglo-German Naval Treaty, is disclosed in an official statement which says:

"A British Admiralty delegation has arrived in Berlin to discuss with the German naval authorities questions arising out of the Anglo-German Agreement of 1935 and measures of procedure laid down in July, 1937.

"The German Government recently informed the British Government of its intention to exercise certain rights accorded her under the Treaty terms."

The delegation consists of Vice-Admiral A. B. Cunningham and three other representatives

MANY CINEMA STARS MIXED UP IN SHARE CASE

New York, To-day.

William Buckner, stockbroker who was arrested at the beginning of the month on his return from England, and William Gillespie, were indicted by a Federal Grand Jury yesterday on charges of conspiring to commit a mail fraud connected with the alleged Philippine railway bond fraud.

The indictment alleges that a committee for the protection of bondholders was organized, of which Buckner and Gillespie caused themselves to be elected chairman and vice-chairman, respectively.

Subsequently they are alleged to have solicited money from bondholders, claiming that it was necessary for expenses in connection with the redemption of bonds, whereas the money was actually converted to their own use.

A GALAXY

Thirteen Hollywood film stars, including Miriam Hopkins, Ronald Colman, Herbert Marshall, Frank Morgan, Bing Crosby and Cary Grant have been subpoenaed as witnesses.

According to Mr. William Maloney, Assistant United States Attorney-General, they will be asked whether Buckner solicited them in his alleged efforts to raise funds, promising that the bonds would be redeemed.—Reuter.

of the Admiralty. They spent yesterday conversing in the office of the German Navy Ministry and return to London to-day.—Reuter.



Farmers and shepherds in North Wales are having a busy time these days, as the annual sheep dipping is in progress. Photo shows a flock of sheep being driven down the Berwyn Mountains near Corwen, on their way to the dipping.

WELLINGTON STREET HOUSE GUTTED IN HOUR

BUT FOR PROMPT AND EFFICIENT ACTION ON THE PART OF THE HONG KONG FIRE BRIGADE, FAR MORE SERIOUS CONSEQUENCES MIGHT WELL HAVE ATTENDED AN OUTBREAK OF FIRE IN WELLINGTON STREET IN THE EARLY HOURS OF THIS MORNING, WHICH RAPIDLY BURNT OUT A THREE-STORY BUILDING.

Situated in the centre of buildings of a similar type, the house involved was of the old style with wooden framework and fittings which made excellent fuel for the flames.

Some idea of the rapidity of the spread may be drawn from the fact that a bare 50 minutes after the first alarm was sent out the fire had been subdued but by that time the building was just a burnt-out shell.

DISTRICT CALL

Fire Brigade received the first call at 3.06 a.m. and a machine sent out found No. 74 Wellington Street burning furiously. The ground floor was occupied by a jeweller's shop and tailor's shop, while the upper two storeys were crowded tenements.

At 3.15 a district call was sent out and all machines turned out.

At 3.55 the "stop" signal indicated that the fire was under control but by that time the whole house had been burnt right through. Two motor-pumps were in action and three hydrants were used.

The last engine left the scene at 8.49 this morning.

NO CASUALTIES

The fire is believed to have started in one of the kitchens of the tenements but despite the rapid spread of the flames there were no casualties.

Insp. McWalter, Divisional Inspector Central, was on the scene on the first alarm being sounded,

AUTOMOBILE PRODUCTION HEAVILY DOWN

New York, To-day.

In 1938 the United States and Canada produced less than half the number of cars and trucks they produced in 1937.

According to the Automobile Manufacturers Association, production in 1938 was 210,000 cars and 525,000 commercial vehicles, representing about 47 per cent. of 1937 production.

Nearly one-fifth of total production was sold abroad.

The Association states that the rapid rise in the recent demand foreshadows an output for 1939 of 3,500,000 vehicles unless there is a reversal of the current of business trends generally.—Reuter.

FIREMAN TO BE CHARGED WITH THEFT

A fireman and a waterworks fitter are alleged to have taken advantage of the blaze in Wellington Street this morning to commit larceny.

The fireman, Wu Sut, is being charged before Mr. Houston this morning with larceny of a wrist watch from a building opposite the fire.

Wu Sut is stated to have entered the building to direct a hose on the fire, and while there to have stolen the watch.

Appearing with him on a charge of receiving is Li Fuk, a waterworks fitter.

while Mr. G. C. Moss, Acting Superintendent of Fire Brigade, and Fire Officer M. Smith were in charge of the fire-fighters.

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THE DAILY SHORT STORY

CONTINUED HAPPINESS

MARGARET was upstairs cleaning the east room when she heard the front door slam.

"Hey, Marg! Come down, quick!" It was Eustice's voice, and she knew by the tone that something unusual had happened. He was waiting for her at the foot of the stairs. Her eyes travelled past him and a look of horror came into her face.

"Eustice Bradford! You didn't wipe your feet. You've tracked up my carpet!"

Eustice, who was Margaret's brother and two years her senior, glanced over his shoulder, then back at his sister. He was too excited to think of the carpet.

"Marg! Mary's promised. We're going to get married!"

Slowly the look of horror left Margaret's face and was replaced by incredulity. "You're not!" she declared. Then, "Well, there! You won't be happy. You and Mary will never get along."

"Sure we will. Don't be a wet blanket. Why won't we?" Eustice asked, thrusting out his chin.

"Because her ways aren't yours. You're used to order and routine and

contrite and agreed that he was right.

That incident, not to mention several others, was the beginning of an awakening in Eustice's unconscious mind. Business wasn't so good and his patience became short. He began to notice things like the unmade bed and the fact that dust lay heavy on the furniture and that the windows needed washing and that dishes most always were in the sink.

"Why must it be like this?" he asked her in a fit of anger. "You have plenty of time to keep the house neat. You're not over-worked. You're the only woman I know who can't keep her housework caught up, who's always late whenever we plan to go someplace."

"I know it," Mary agreed. "I'll try to do better. I should."

Watching developments, Margaret smiled confidently. Eustice would be back with her soon. He had lived with order and routine and tidiness too long to forget them. He couldn't be happy living with Mary, not unless Mary mended her ways, and Margaret was pretty sure she wouldn't. She knew the type.

But another year passed and then

By Barbara Ann Benedict

having things tidy, the way I keep them. Mary doesn't care a rap how her house looks."

"She cares a rap about me, and that's all that matters," Eustice told his sister flatly.

* * *

They were married a month later. They went to live in a new white-painted bungalow at the edge of town. They were happy because they were in love. Mary was dark-haired and dark-eyed and had a sense of humour and nothing bothered her much. For the first time in his life Eustice relaxed. Mary never scolded him. She never reminded him to wipe his feet or to be careful of his cigarette ashes or to keep his clothes neatly hung in the closet. Married life, he thought, was swell. He wished now he hadn't waited until he was thirty-four to find himself a wife.

Eustice was in the insurance business and still struggling to become established. Mary had been a typist before she married him, and now he asked her if she'd help him do some of his letters. She agreed eagerly. It would help save office expense.

So everything was serene. A year passed and Margaret outwardly retracted her declaration that they would never be happy, but Eustice knew that wasn't what she thought.

It was the second December of their union that Eustice came home one evening, tired and cold, and found that Mary had gone out to dinner with her bridge club. She left a note and a sink full of dishes. Eustice washed the dishes and got himself a cold supper. He went into the bedroom to get his dressing gown and found the bed unmade, and he wondered vaguely how Mary could go away and leave things in such a mess.

The next week Eustice had a lot of important letters to get out and asked Mary to have them ready by Friday. She promised, but the letters weren't ready when Friday came. Eustice got mad and told her she shouldn't be so lax, and Mary looked

another and a third, and still Eustice and Mary seemed happy together. Margaret couldn't understand, and at last her curiosity got the better of her and she questioned Eustice about it, in a round-about way, of course.

Eustice smiled. "Business is better," he told her. "I've hired a stenographer to do my typing, and we have a girl come in to do the housework. Oh, we're doing fine."

Margaret was only partly satisfied. She knew there was more behind it, and Eustice knew she knew there was more behind it. But he decided that to tell her would only puzzle and probably hurt her. Alone, he reflected on the night a year ago when he reached his decision to leave Mary. He had come to the point where he couldn't stand living in a slovenly mess any longer. And then he had thought of Margaret and her well-ordered house. He had compared Margaret with Mary, and it had flashed across his mind that you could hire things done like typing and house-keeping, but you couldn't hire someone to be kind and sympathetic and understanding and never cross. And most of all you couldn't hire someone not to nag at you when you tracked mud on the carpet. And besides, down deep, he did love Mary and that counted for a lot.

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GERMANY'S RELATIONS WITH UNITED STATES

"No Hope Of Improvement While Serving Jews"

Inspired German Statement On Recent Tension

Berlin, To-day.

An inspired statement to the press declares that no hope for improvement in German-American relations is possible as long as they are infected by the "influence which is openly serving Jewish interests."

The German press for the first time yesterday published the fact that Germany protested against the Cleveland speech of the American Secretary of Interior, Mr. Harold Ickes, and that the State Department rejected the protest.

Following the inspired statement, the order was apparently given to the press to resume the attacks on America.

To-day's leader in the "Voelkische Beobachter," circulated in advance yesterday, declares that the fact that the State Department tried to give a semblance of justice to Mr. Ickes' spiteful vituperation, throws a characteristic light on the development of American-German relations under the present regime in Washington.

The set-back at the Pan-American Conference at Lima may cause bitterness.

DIVERTING BLAME

America seems to want to divert blame from themselves, says the Nazi journal, by new invective against Germany.

It is clear that Washington desires a crisis in American-German relations, just as Congress meets, in order to find a pretext for making the American people understand the necessity of gigantic armaments.

IDEOLOGICAL STUBBORNNESS

The "Voelkischer Beobachter" asserts that Germany could easily import three to four million bales of American cotton annually except for America's "trade policy of ideological stubbornness."

The Nazi paper recalls President Roosevelt's appeal to Hitler during the September crisis, stating that hundreds of millions of people would acknowledge the act for a peaceful solution as a supreme historic service to mankind.

The paper says that apparently President Roosevelt no longer remembers his word, let alone his collaborators, Mr. Cordell Hull (Secretary of State), Mr. Harold Ickes (Secretary of Interior), Senator Key Pittman and Senator King.

WAR INCITER

Other Nazi papers pursue a similar strain, but display originality in their headlines. For example, "Ickes Agent-General of Judah," "Typical War Inciter and Commissioner of Jewish Agitation Columns in the United States."

The suggestion that a breach of German-American relations was possible as a sequel to this latest Nazi press outburst, is decisively rejected by well-informed quarters in Berlin, where it was added that "the campaign against America was held up for a week so as not to dis-

turb Christmas in Germany and America!"

REFUSAL TO COMMENT

In Washington, says a despatch from the American capital, State Department officials refuse to comment on the German inspired statement, but well-informed quarters consider that the statement brings relations nearer to a complete deadlock.—Reuter.

NAZI "BLACK GUARDS" ATTACK "TOM CATS"

Berlin, Dec. 27.

"Announcing the New Year by representing a Nazi militiamen pulling the chin-strap of his helmet over the caption "Be Prepared," the "Schwarzes Korps," official organ of the Nazi Blackshirts, waxed eloquent to-day against both the Jews and the Jesuits, termed "clerical tom-cats."

The paper first stated that the achievements of the year 1938 were not only an accomplishment but also basis for new advance.

"Every German has two souls, one eminently personal and the other belonging to the Fuehrer. With such a people, one may unhinge the world. To-day, we know how to keep quiet better than any other people."

The journal then announced the "total" liquidation of the Jewish question and commented on "the other poisonous mushrooms," noting a similarity "between the Jewish tactics and the caution of the clerical tom-cats."—Havas.

SAVING NEW YEAR COSTS FOR WAR

Chungking, To-day.

The Shanghai Thrift Movement Association is requesting all Chinese in Shanghai to save their New Year celebration expenses and contribute them to the State in aid of the war of resistance.—Central News.

PATRIOTIC CHINESE CREW

Havana, December 26.
Twenty Chinese sailors of the Norwegian freighter, "Lady Norse," refused to man the vessel to-day when they learned that she was loaded with scrap iron destined for Japan.

The officers of the vessel then demanded the aid of the local police, who took the men ashore and put them in prison. They are to be deported on board the next Norwegian ship putting in here.—Havas.

AUSTRALIAN PONY SHOT AFTER ACCIDENT

(By "RAPIER")

Mr. G. Tinson, popular race pony owner, has had the bad luck to lose his new Australian pony No. J.C.I. 49, a bay pony of 14.3.

This pony was being taken out for a gallop this morning, under the control of a Chinese riding boy, Yim Hoi-lum, and when nearing the six furlongs post it unaccountably stumbled and fell heavily, together with the rider. Major Hogg immediately arrived on the scene, and, after an examination, found that the pony had a broken shoulder, thus leaving him with no alternative but to order its destruction.

The rider did not appear to suffer any injury, although he was assisted back to the stable by two fellow riding boys.

CITY DEVELOPMENT FUND TO GO INTO GENERAL REVENUE

The Government, which is abandoning the Government House and City Development Scheme as planned in 1934, is proposing transfer to the general revenue of the colony the balance standing to the credit of the fund.

The amount involved is \$839,704.12.

A bill authorising the transfer is included in to-day's Government Gazette in draft form. The Bill repeals the 1934 Ordinance setting up the special fund and provides for the appropriation.

SIX JAPANESE PLANES DAMAGED

Wuyuan, To-day.

Six Japanese planes were damaged on the ground when two Chinese planes raided the Japanese aerodrome at Paotow in Suiyuan, according to an arrival from that city.—Central News.

U.S. DONATION OF WHEAT TO SPAIN

WASHINGTON, TO-DAY.

PRESIDENT ROOSEVELT HAS CONFIRMED THAT THE FEDERAL COMMODITIES CORPORATION WILL DONATE 500,000 BUSHELS OF WHEAT DURING THE NEXT SIX MONTHS FOR IMPARTIAL DISTRIBUTION TO BOTH SIDES IN SPAIN "IN ORDER TO PREVENT STARVATION."

A committee has been appointed to raise U.S.\$500,000 from private sources to pay for the cost of milling the wheat into flour, which will be transported to Spain by the United States Maritime Commission as far as space is available in vessels.

The flour will be distributed by the American Friends of Service Committee.—Reuter.

ANOTHER BID TO RESTORE YANGTSE RIGHTS

Chungking, To-day.

A joint committee organised by British, American, French, Netherlands and other foreign circles in Shanghai have decided to ask the British and U.S. Consulates-General and Naval and Military Commands to negotiate further with the Japanese authorities for the re-opening of the Yangtze River, according to a Shanghai message.

The committee suggested that shipping between Shanghai and Nanking be resumed and extended later.

The committee further proposed that if the Japanese authorities think that further deliberations are necessary, a round-table conference held on either the British or U.S. flagship.—Central News.

JAPAN LEADS IN IRON IMPORTS FROM AMERICA

Washington, Dec. 27.

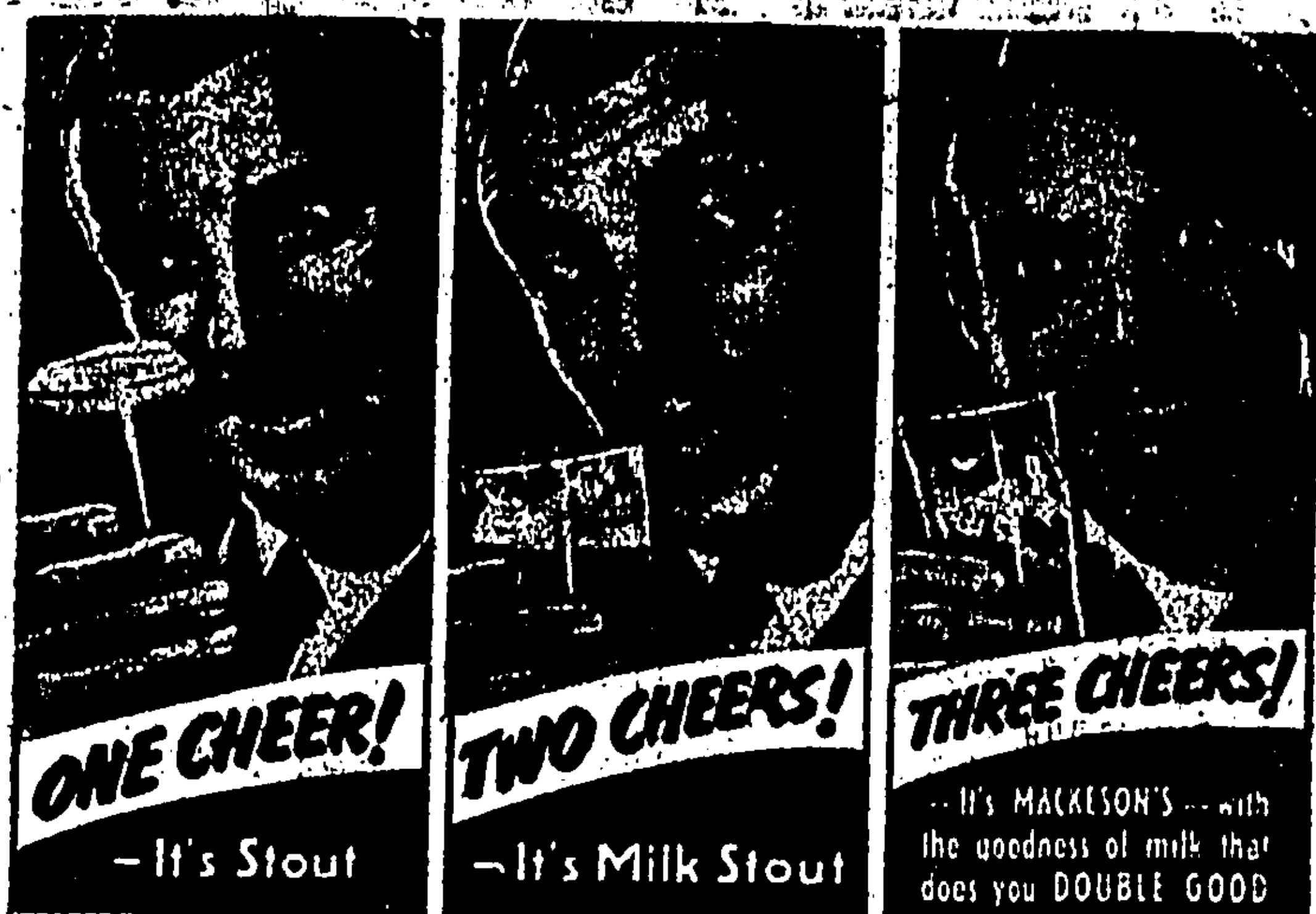
Iron exports by the United States for the month of November this year were double the quantity sent out in October, statistics released by the Department of Commerce revealed to-day.

The principal purchasers were Germany, Italy, and Japan.

The total quantity exported in November reached 450,000 tons as against 223,000 in October.

Japan led the field with 319,000 tons, Italy was second with 55,000 tons, while Germany trailed with 30,000 tons.

The total value of the iron exported was \$4,000,000.—Havas.



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TWO POINTS TO AN AXIS

Among the many meanings of Munich, one which French leaders could not ignore was the certain decline of French influence in eastern Europe. To offset that, or at least to avert the French public's gaze from diplomatic losses east, Government spokesmen began to talk of France's colonial empire—the second largest in the world. Henceforth, French greatness would find its expression in achievements within that empire.

The clamour from Italy over Tunisia and Djibouti must therefore be especially embarrassing to France at this time. Prodded from the east with one end of the Rome-Berlin axis, France turned south only to be prodded with the other end.

The French protectorate of Tunisia borders Italy's Libya, which is several times larger in area, but supports only some 750,000 persons as contrasted with three times that number in Tunisia. The 100,000 or more Italians in Tunisia account for 50 per cent. of the white population.

The cry in the Italian Chamber for Italian rule over Italians resembles that recently raised in Berlin in behalf of German minorities. But one should not suppose Hitler's tutelage is responsible for this aspect of the Italian assault on French prestige in Africa. Indeed, if Italy needed a cue for this purpose, the Ethiopian experience provided it. Among League of Nations members, France appeared one of the most reluctant to risk Italian friendship in behalf of Ethiopia.

It is ironic that so soon after French recognition of the change in the African status quo which resulted from Italian conquest of Ethiopia, the Italian discovery that this status quo can be subject to change is developing annoying aspects for France.

The French Lottery

Losses

The general air of resignation with which France appears to have accepted Finance Minister Paul Reynaud's edict suppressing its national lottery is reminiscent

of the disillusioning circumstances under which the first venture was begun three centuries ago. Never since that very first drawing for prizes, when the name of Louis XIV popped out of the hat, has the national lottery been entirely free from public reproach. The chief argument in its favour always has been that it was a useful and painless source of State revenue. Its abandonment in the present major financial crisis shows that the French feel the bad effects of the lottery far outweigh its usefulness.

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Fiction Compounded

A museum to the memory of Romeo and Juliet is to be opened at Verona. Actually, there is practically no evidence to support the idea of a connection between the place and the play, which is advanced by this and other means. Shakespeare's play in almost certainly not founded on any fact in the history of the town, nor has the latter supplied anything more than its name for his setting.

Yet, in these days when the tourist traffic is so valuable, one wonders if this not very happy precedent may not be followed elsewhere, and whether even slenderer claims for attention may not be put forward. Shall we hear, for example, of the "original" island of "The Tempest," with Prospero's cell and Ariel's cloven pine? Nor is it only Shakespeare who lends himself to this exploitation; and although it would be hard to put Lilliput or Utopia on the map, there would be no such obstacles to the "discovery" of Ruritania or Canoodle-dum.

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Poll of Radio Opinion

Critics of radio who point with envy to the system in Great Britain where the British Broadcasting Corporation controls all broadcasting stations, may be interested in the results of a poll taken by Philco.

The Philco poll was taken in order to determine the British listeners' favourite station. It covered 5,000 radio dealers and their customers in all parts of Britain as well as the general public with an approximate number reached of more than 500,000.

The results of this poll showed that the British people are far from satisfied with their own type of broadcasting. The station which placed first, drawing 95.6 per cent. of the votes as favoured station, was Luxembourg, which is located on the continent across the Channel and broadcasts sponsored programmes American style. Second, was Athlone, in the Irish Free State and also a broadcaster of commercially sponsored programmes.

Britain's National station, Droitwich, stood only third, with other continental commercial stations grabbing the great majority of places among the first ten on a popularity poll.

The poll seems to indicate that the British radio public prefers entertainment to education. It is interesting to note that Luxembourg, the most popular station, is difficult to tune in clearly for British radios and yet it achieved its tremendous vote in spite of this because it does offer entertainment and showmanship.

German Army's Strength Now 51 Divisions

Peace-Time Force Of 850,000 Men

THE FULL EXTENT OF THE CHANGES THAT HAVE TAKEN PLACE IN THE ORGANISATION OF THE GERMAN ARMY THIS YEAR IS REVEALED FOR THE FIRST TIME BY THE PUBLICATION OF A FULL LIST OF ARMY GROUPS AND ARMY CORPS COMMANDS.

The German Army now consists of 51 divisions, including five tank divisions, four light and three mountain troop divisions and a cavalry brigade. At this time last year the official list showed 39 divisions and a mountain troop, a cavalry and a light brigade.

The 51 divisions are organised in 15 army corps, which are themselves divided into six army groups.

In addition there are three further army corps, the 14th at Magdeburg, the 15th at Jena, and the 16th in Berlin, about which no details are given. They consist, it is believed, of additional mechanised and tank units.

Outside this framework there are a number of frontier infantry regiments employed as a permanent garrison for the fortifications. These are organised in separate frontier commands.

OLD FORTS ABANDONED

During this year some old fortifications in Koenigsberg, Marienburg, Kuestrin, Glogau, Breslau and Ingolstadt have been abandoned.

With corps and army troops the total peace strength of the German Army may now be estimated at about 850,000 men. Each of the standing divisions is backed by at least one reserve division, so that on mobilisation no fewer than 1,700,000 men can now be placed in the field.

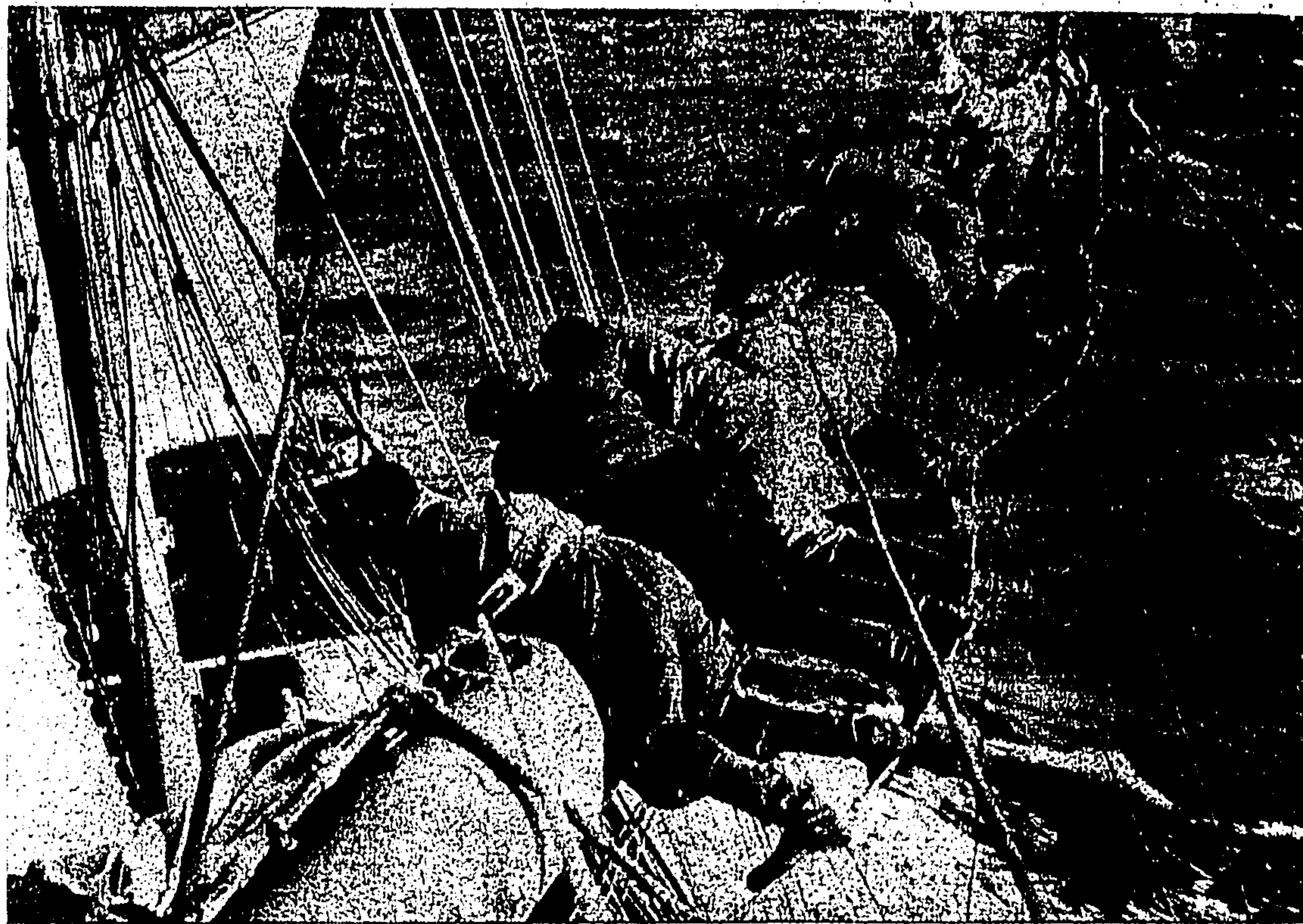
This figure will be increased as additional classes perform their period of military service and join the reserve.

The purge of last February and subsequent retirements have been responsible for many changes in the higher commands. Out of the 18 army corps commanders only six were in the same position last year.

Five of the six army group commanders are also new as well as the Commander-in-Chief, Gen. von Brauchitsch and the Chief of the General Staff, Gen. Halder.

SIXTH ARMY GROUP

The sixth army group has its headquarters at Hanover. This confirms the suggestion that an extra army group was likely to be placed on the western frontier.



A CALL FOR FIRM LEGS AND NERVES. — Built on the Clyde in 1892, the four masted barque "Olivebank" is still weathering the storm on her voyages between England and Australia with cargoes of grain. Sailing before the mast still has its romantic appeal and there is never any lack of crews for these old windjammers. Life aboard is still pretty tough, however, and one needs to be a real sailor to go aloft during a storm and manhandle the huge spread of canvas. No slips here! Taking in the mainsail on the Olivebank as she glides through the N. Atlantic.

BRITISH FILM STUDIOS PLAN BIG MERGER

An important event will take place shortly in the British cinema world if the rumoured merger of the Denham and Pinewood studios into one single concern materializes.

Negotiations to that effect, it is learned, are being conducted between Alexander Korda, of "The Private Life of Henry VIII" fame, and Captain Richard Horton and J. Arthur Rank, the latter two representing the Pinewood Studios.

The merger, while putting an end to harmful competition between the two moving-picture producing companies, would, it is expected, give a new impetus to the film industry of England.

The Denham studios, built in 1935, have been responsible for a number of fine pictures such as "Elephant Boy," "Victoria the Great" and "The Drum," while the Pinewood studios produced amongst other house-filling features "Pygmalion" and "This Man is News."

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New York, Dec. 26.

Dr. Katharine Blodgett, scientist of the American Electric Company's Research Laboratories, announced to-day that she had discovered a process whereby she could make glass totally invisible.

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At right,

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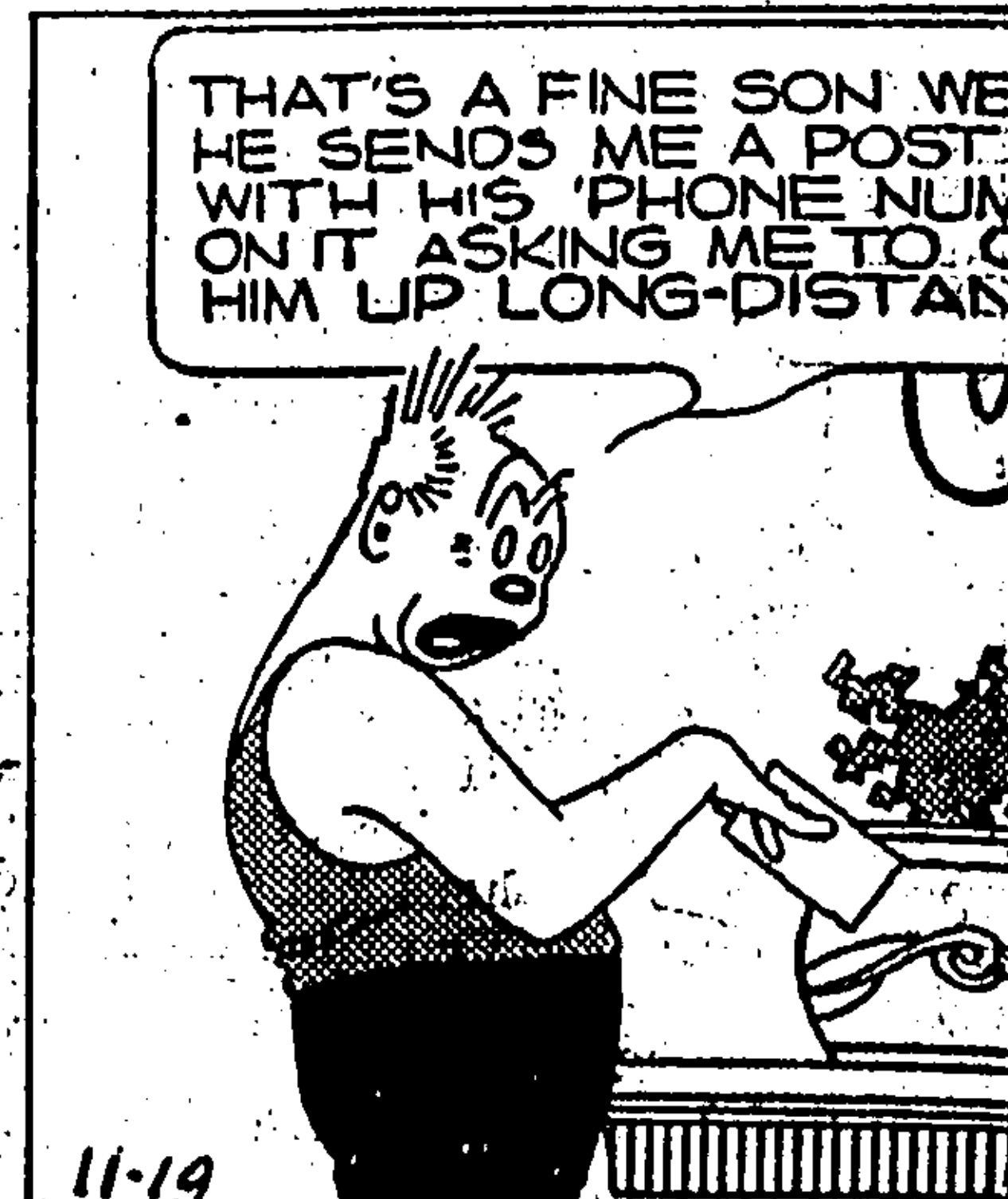
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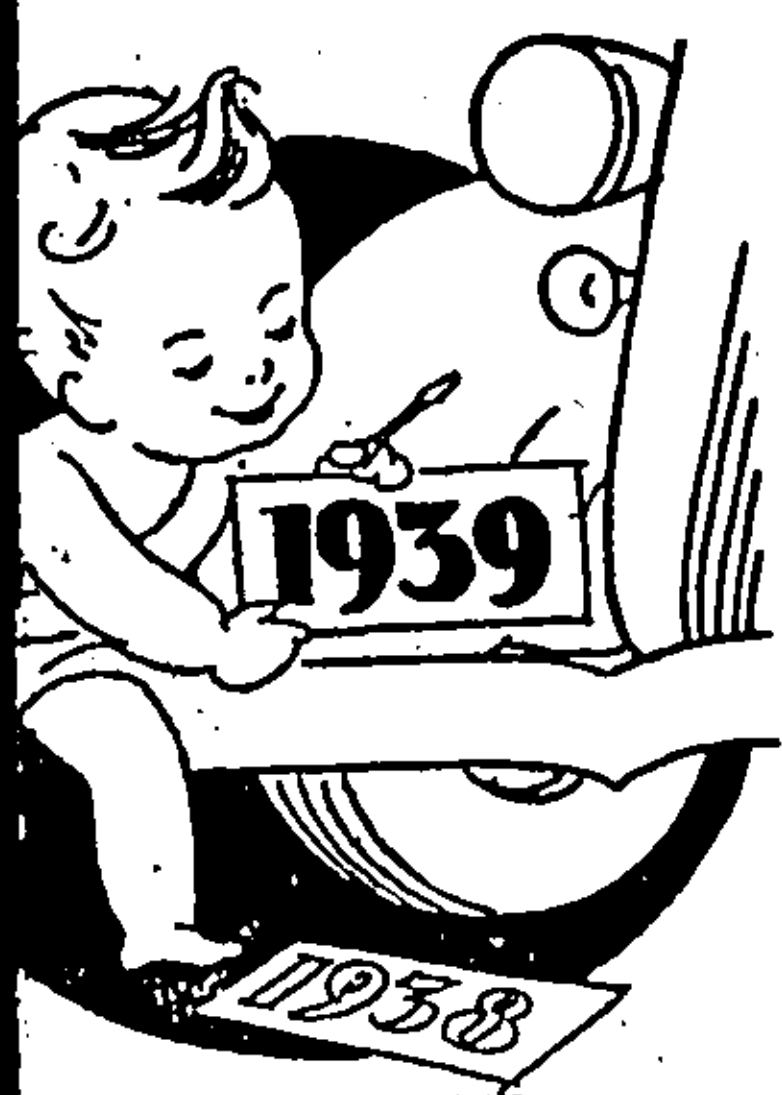


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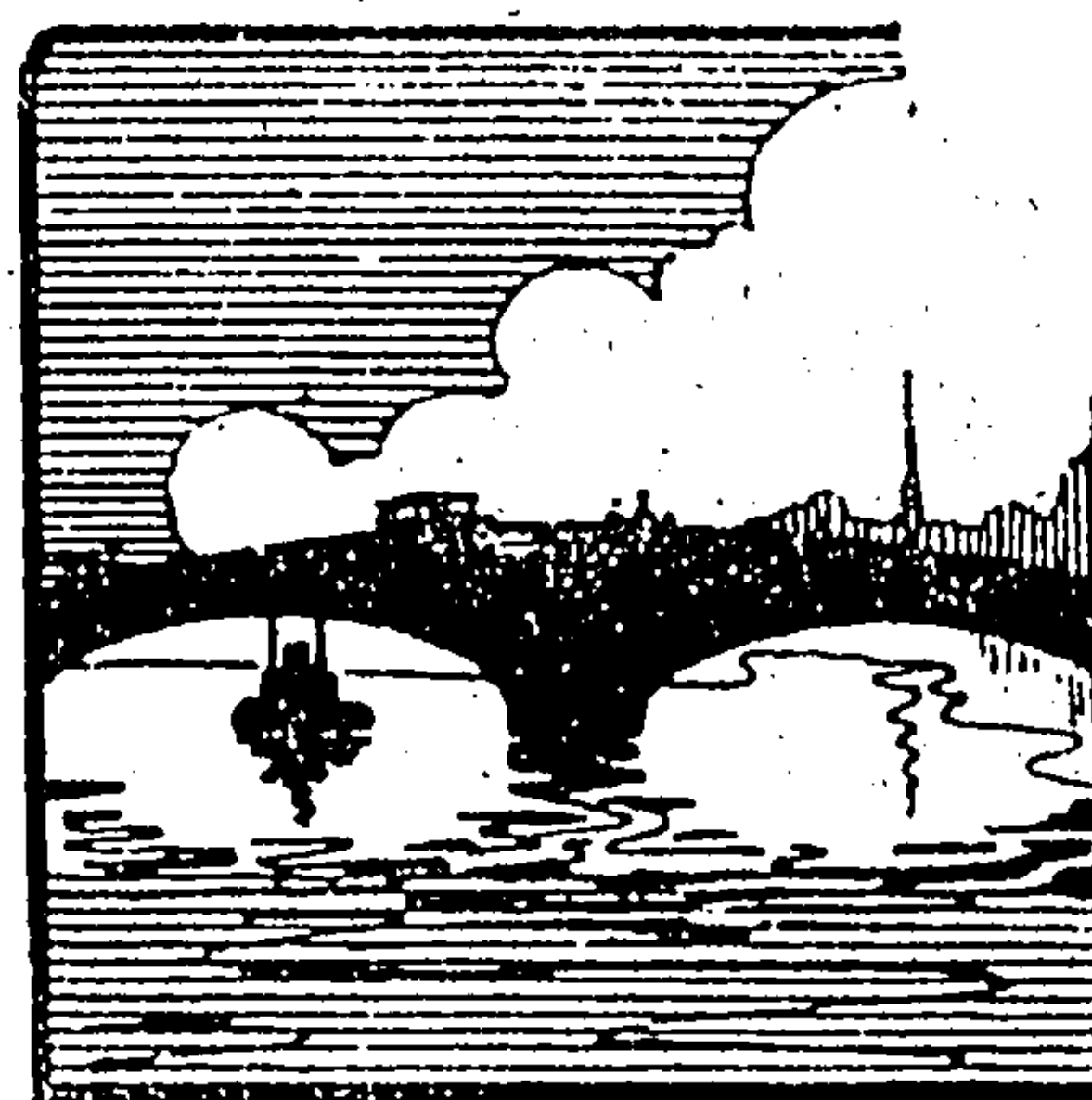
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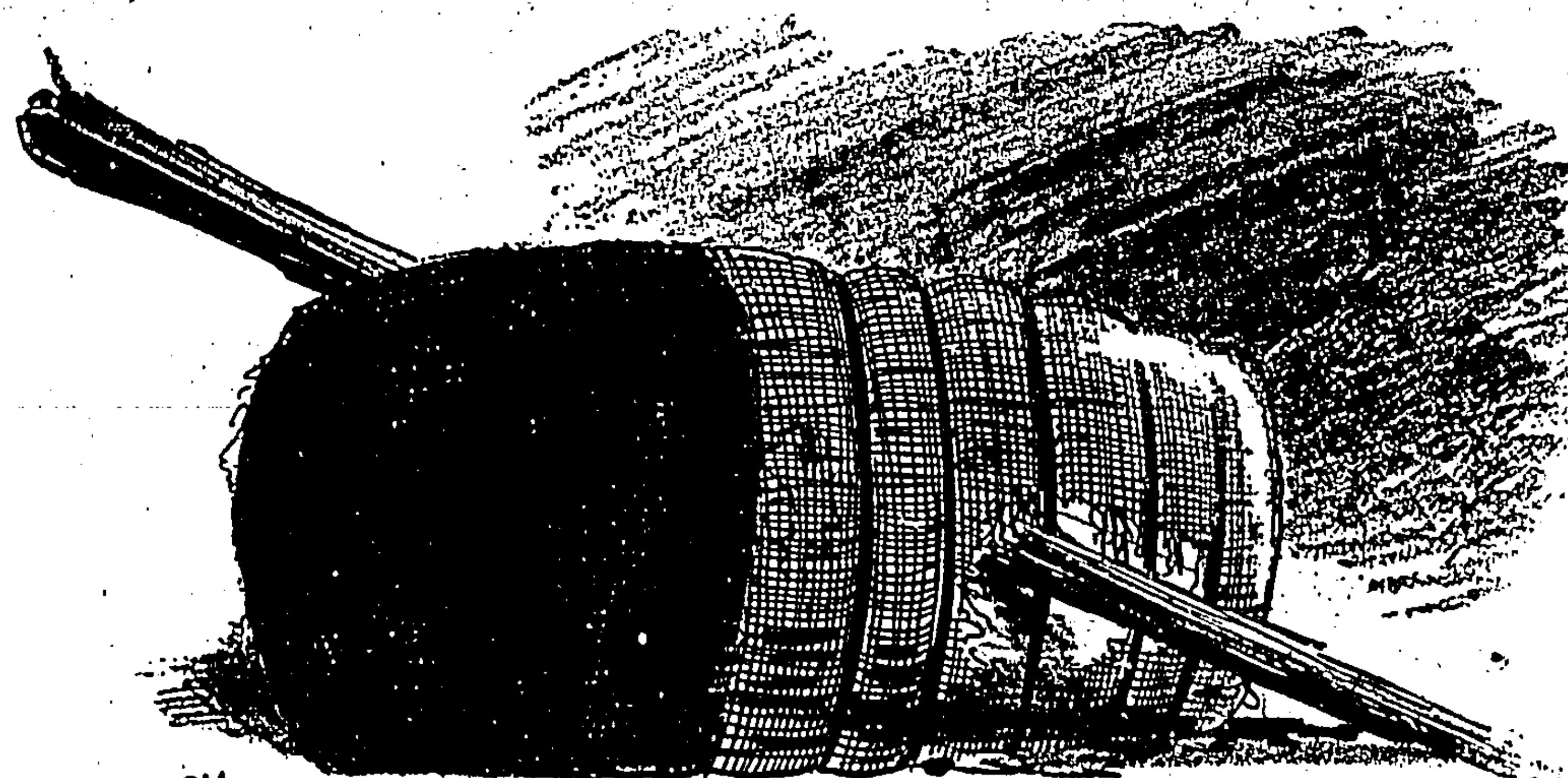


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Japan, Honolulu, U.S.A., Central and South America via San Francisco (Parcels and Papers only for Canada)—due San Francisco, 19th Jan., 1939.	Reg., Ord.,	Dec. 30, 5 p.m. Dec. 31, 8.45 a.m. Dec. 31, 9.30 a.m. Sat., Dec. 31, G.P.O. and K.P.O.
Saigon	Par.,	Dec. 31, 3 p.m.
Shanghai	Reg.,	Dec. 31, 4.15 p.m.
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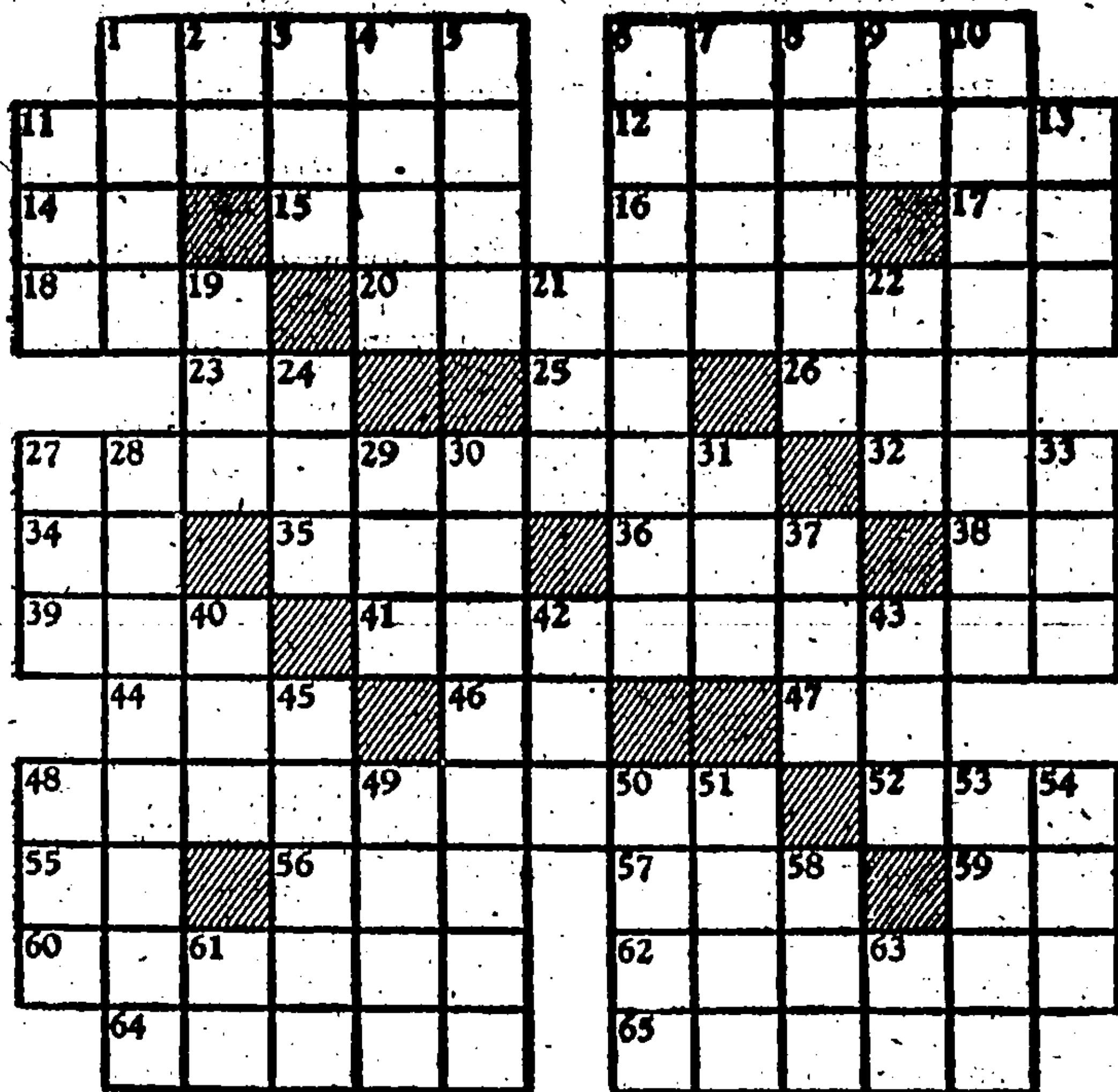
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- 25 Pronoun
- 26 Carpet
- 27 Finished
- 32 Tangle
- 34 From
- 35 Hindu cymbals
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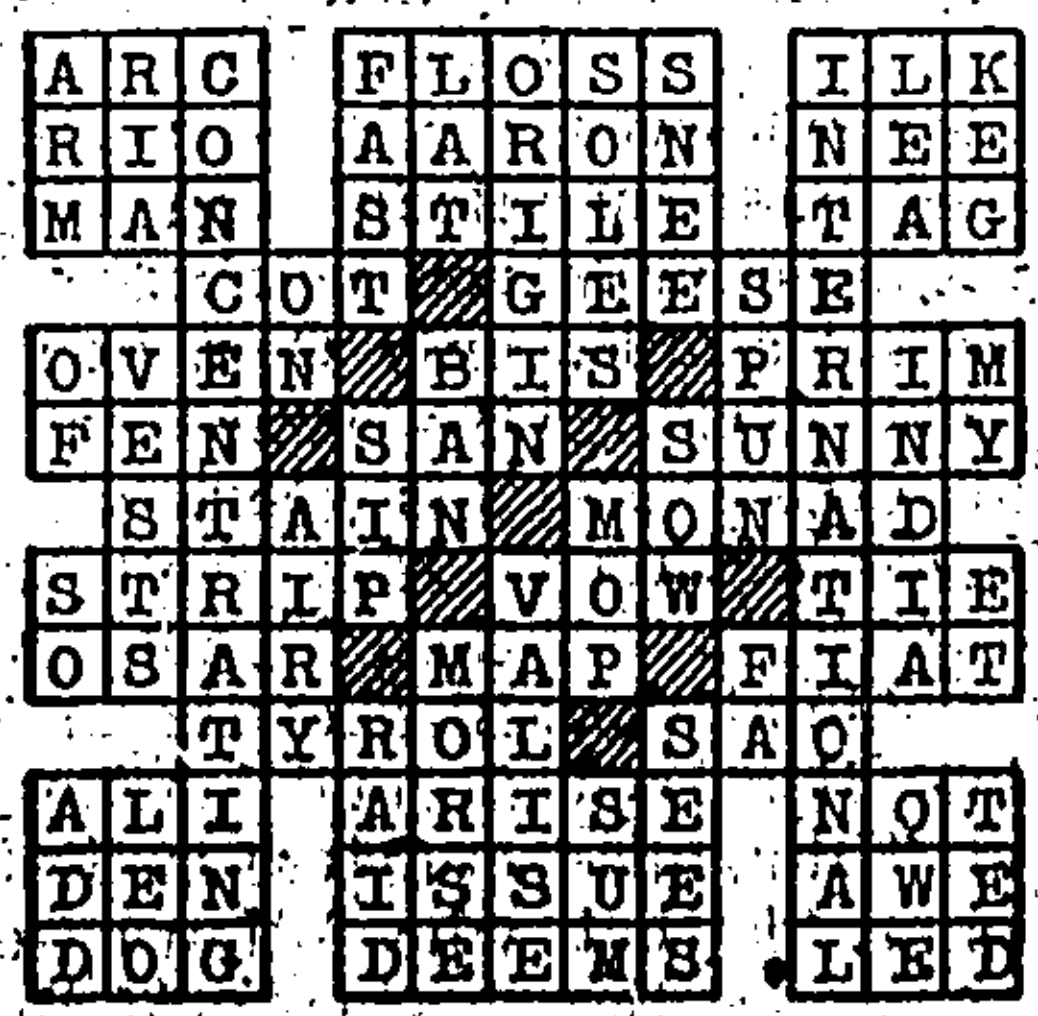
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- 2 Type measure
- 3 Pole
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- 5 To whip
- 6 Strews
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- 10 To exile
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- 21 Isle
- 22 Liquor
- 24 Likely
- 27 Cry of dove
- 28 Bidders
- 29 Resinous substance
- 30 To lengthen
- 31 Mold
- 33 Bushy clump
- 37 Conjunction
- 40 Distant
- 42 By birth
- 43 Lid
- 45 More docile
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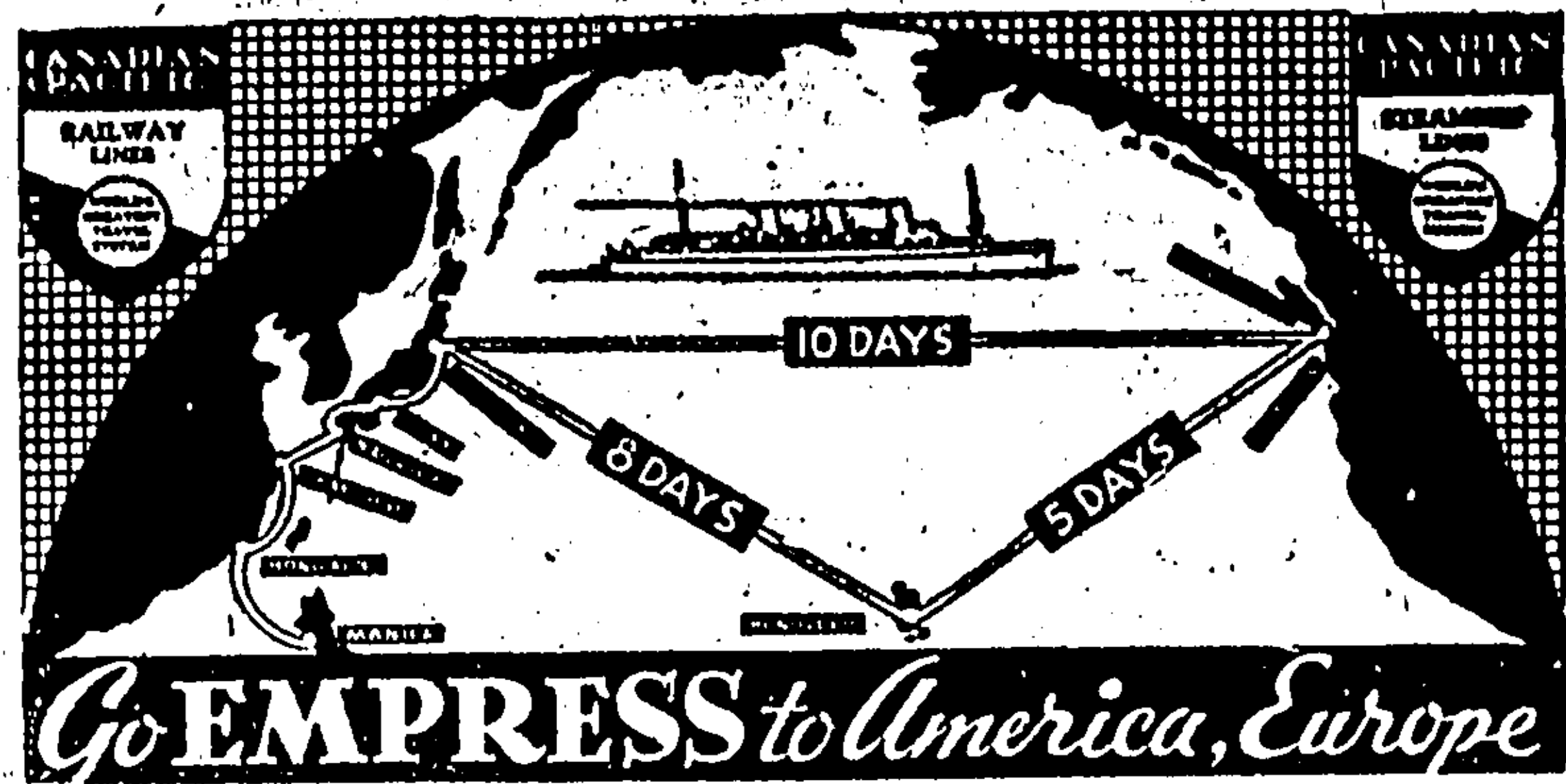
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JAPANESE SAID ANXIOUS OVER SOVIET CRISIS

Widespread concern and anxiety over the present crisis in relations with Soviet Russia was everywhere evident in Japan last week, an arrival in Shanghai told "The China Press."

Those Japanese who have been long accustomed to talking with foreigners will privately declare that the situation is grave and fraught with dire consequences, he said.

The police are extremely active even more so among their own people than among foreigners, he added.

International affairs are, therefore, almost taboo in conversation. News, of course, is all censored and the exchange restrictions are rigidly enforced, the arrival declared.

It has even been necessary for groups of foreigners to club together in order to raise enough exchange to pay the subscription price of a foreign newspaper. Outside of diplomatic circles foreign magazines have become a rare luxury.

Kobe and Yokohama appear dead to one who has seen these thriving metropolises in the past, the traveller said. Business seems at a standstill and soldiers are guarding the wharves and shipping terminals.

In Osaka, however, the wharves are so taken up with the handling of military freight that it is not considered in order for any but a military vessel to apply for docking space. Consequently, all other vessels are discharging in the stream.

Rare among Japanese officialdom, one police boarding officer discussed the present hostilities. "Our mistake," he told the traveller, "is that we did not carry on the war to the extent we have now in 1932."

Germany Army Expansion

THE GERMAN ARMY IS BEGINNING YET ANOTHER PERIOD OF EXPANSION, FOR THE CLASS OF CONSCRIPTS WHICH JOINED THE COLOURS THIS MONTH WAS 100,000 STRONGER IN THE OLD REICH ALONE THAN THAT OF LAST YEAR.

The army leaders hope for a peaceful winter in which to beat the new material into shape and to work out the new mobilisation scheme made necessary by recent changes. Next autumn the number of conscripts will be even greater, for young men from the Sudeten German areas will then be called to the colours.

The growth of the German army is also revealed by a list of promotions and appointments announced last night. Since the beginning of this year its peace strength has increased from 13 to 18 army corps.

ARMY CORPS COMMANDERS

The 17th and 18th Army Corps are stationed in Austria, so that there are three new army corps in the old Reich. Gen. Hoth has been appointed as first commanding officer of one of these, the 15th.

Recent developments also find expression in the appointment of Gen. Waeger and Lt-Gen. Raschick as commandants of the fortifications on the Upper Rhine and in the Eifel district respectively.

The five army groups, with headquarters in Berlin, Frankfurt-on-Main, Dresden, Leipzig and Vienna, are now commanded by Gens. von Bock, von Witzleben, Blaskowitz, von Reichenau and List. Of these only Gen. von Reichenau occupied the same post at the beginning of this year.

New army corps commanders are Gen. Strauss, who succeeds Gen. Blaskowitz as commander of the Second Army Corps, with headquarters at Stettin, and Gen. Haase, who follows Gen. von Witzleben in command of the Third Army Corps at Berlin.

H.K. VOLUNTEER DEFENCE CORPS

Orders by Lieut. Colonel H. B. Rose, M. C. Commandant, Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps.

Hong Kong,
Friday, 30th December, 1938.

PROMOTION

Extract from Government Gazette No. 60 dated 23.12.38.

"No. 997—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to approve the following promotion in the Hong Kong Volunteer Defence Corps, with effect from 1st December, 1938:—

Captain Lindsay Tasman Ride, M.A., M.B., M.R.C.S., L.R.C.P., to be Major, 23rd December, 1938."

COMMAND

Captain F. Flippance took over permanent command of the Army Service Corps Company with effect from 23rd December, 1938.

HOLIDAY

Corps Headquarters will be closed on Monday January 2nd, 1939.

CORPS DIARY—AMENDMENTS

Page 11. 5th Feb. add "Kennedy Road Range—M. G. Pt. I—No. 4 M.G. Company."

Page 11. 26th Feb. add "Peak Range—Table A—No. 4 M.G. Company."

Page 12. 5th Mar. add "Peak Range—Table A—No. 4 M.G. Company."

Page 12. 19th Mar. add "Peak Range—Table A—No. 4 M.G. Company."

PARADES

1st Battery

Right Section

Thursday 12th January. Belchers.

Left Section

Friday 6th January. Belchers. 5.45 p.m. Dress—Overalls, S.D. cap, gun platform shoes.

Signal Section

Friday 6th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m.

Armoured Car Section

Friday 6th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Driving instruction and crew drill.

Motor Machine Gun Platoon

Friday 6th January. 5.30 p.m. Revolver Drill.

No. 3 M.G. Company

Monday 9th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. See Company circular.

No. 4 M.G. Company

Sunday 8th January. Stonecutters. M.G. Part II. No. 13 Platoon. Launch leaves Queen's Pier at 8.30 a.m. and Kowloon Police Pier at 8.45 a.m. Dress—Optional.

R.O.D.C.—Construction Section

Thursday 6th January. H.Q. 5.30 p.m. Practical work on testing electrical circuits.

S. F. HEDGECOE,

Major,

Adjutant, H.K.V.D. Corps.

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The next lecture on First Aid will be given by Professor L. T. Ride at the P.W.D. Offices on Friday 6th January, 1939 at 5.30 p.m.

Sgd. Mrs. E. M. BEGG,

Commandant,

Nursing Detachment, H.K.V.D. Corps.

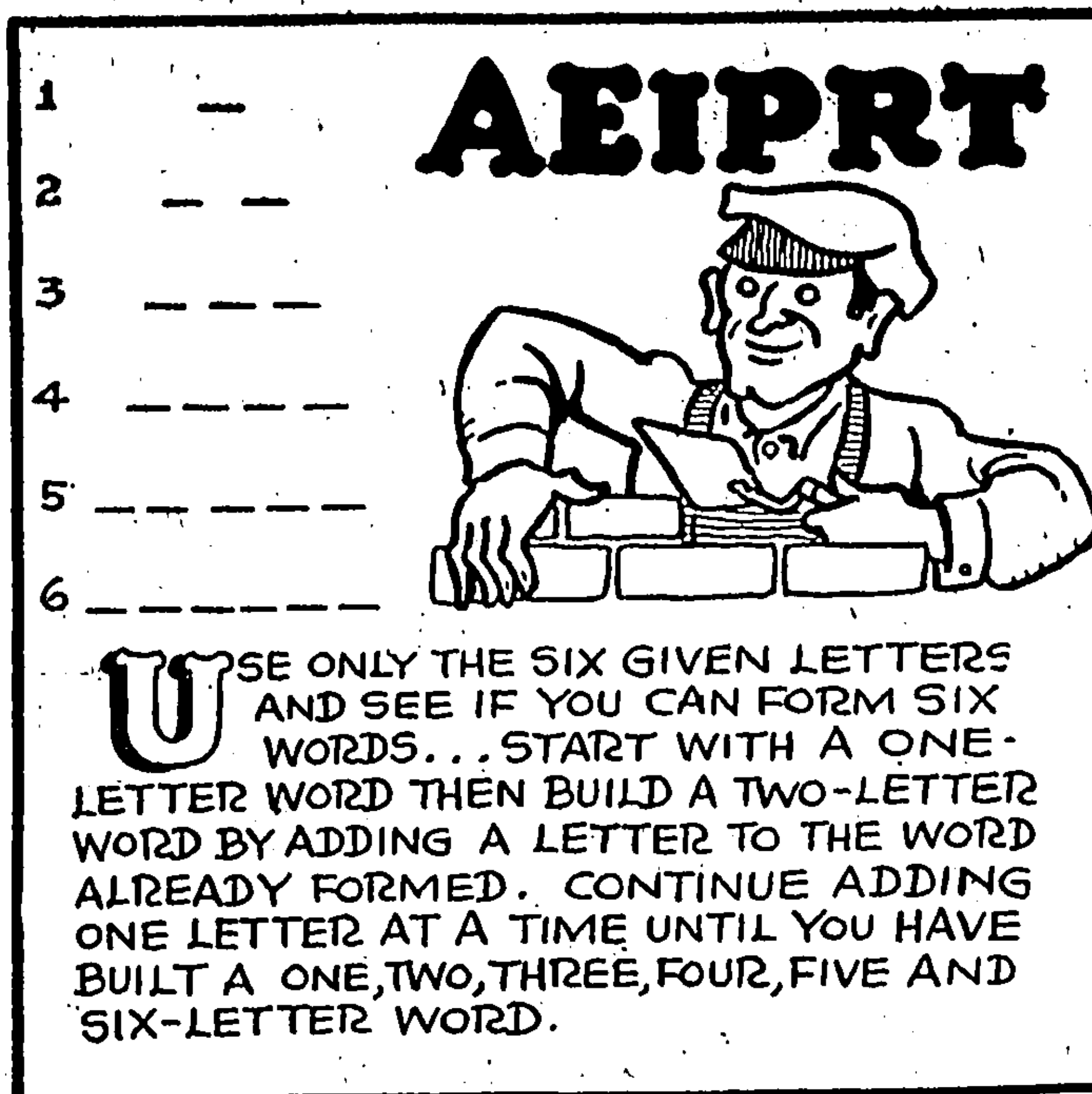
BRITAIN'S NEW BOMB EXPLOSIVE

London, Dec. 25.

Details of a new incendiary bomb were released by the technical adviser of the Astbury anti-aircraft defences to-day.

The bomb is so light that a normal-sized bombing plane can carry 2,000 of them. It is known as the "Kilo Electron." A large bomber can drop ten or twenty of these missiles at a time. "The bombs spread out as they fall, and it has been calculated that a large bomber flying in a straight line at 200 miles per hour at a height of 5,000 or more, releasing twenty bombs per second over an area containing fifteen per cent. of buildings, might be able to start a fire every sixty or seventy yards," the technician stated. "The bomb gives off a flame of molten magnesium which would burn from ten to twenty minutes at a temperature of 1,800 deg. C. (2,786 deg. F.)—Havas."

CHILDREN'S PUZZLE



USE ONLY THE SIX GIVEN LETTERS AND SEE IF YOU CAN FORM SIX WORDS... START WITH A ONE-LETTER WORD THEN BUILD A TWO-LETTER WORD BY ADDING A LETTER TO THE WORD ALREADY FORMED. CONTINUE ADDING ONE LETTER AT A TIME UNTIL YOU HAVE BUILT A ONE, TWO, THREE, FOUR, FIVE AND SIX-LETTER WORD.

Answer to yesterday's puzzle: Platinum.

Answer on Tuesday.

JAPANESE SEIZE MACHINES FROM CHINESE PLANTS

Huge dynamos, turbines and other electrical machinery from Chinese power plants in Shanghai confiscated by the Japanese have been transported to Kiangwan for the newly organised Nippon firm, the Central China Electric Power Company, a Chinese report says. The machinery was valued at \$20,000,000.

According to the report, the Chinese plants were confiscated by the Japanese after they had failed to induce the Chinese owners to participate in a Japanese-sponsored power company.

Among the companies whose property had been confiscated were the Chapei Electricity and Waterworks Company, the Pootung Electric Supply Company and the Ziang Hwa Electricity Company.

CHRISTIAN SCIENCE LESSON SERMON

Subject: "God"

The subject of the Lesson Sermon in all Christian Science Churches, to-morrow 1st January will be "GOD."

The Golden Text will be:—"Thus saith the Lord the King of Israel, and his redeemer the Lord of hosts; I am the first and I am the last; and beside me there is no God." (Isaiah 44:6).

Among others the following citations will be read from the Bible:—"Behold, the days come, saith the Lord, that I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel, and with the house of Judah: Not according to the covenant that I made with their fathers in the day that I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt; which my covenant they brake, although I was an husband unto them, saith the Lord: But this shall be the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel; After those days, saith the Lord, I will put my law in their inward parts, and write it in their hearts; and will be their God, and they shall be my people. And they shall teach no more every man his neighbour, and every man his brother, saying Know the Lord: for they shall all know me, from the least of them unto the greatest of them, saith the Lord": (Jeremiah 31:31-34).

The following citations will also be read from the Christian Science Textbook, "Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures" by Mary Baker Eddy:—"I, or Ego, Divine Principle; Spirit, Soul, incorporeal, unerring, immortal, and eternal Mind. All the object of God's creation reflect one Mind, and whatever reflects not this one Mind, is false and erro-

neous, even the belief that life, substance, and intelligence are both mental and material. Life, Truth, and Love constitute the triune Person called God,—that is, the triply divine Principle, Love. They represent trinity in unity, three in one,—the same in essence, though multi-form in office: God the Father-Mother; Christ the spiritual idea of sonship; divine Science and the Holy Comforter. These the three express in divine Science the three fold, essential nature of the infinite." (Pages 588, and 331)

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JUNIOR SHIELD 3RD ROUND TO-DAY



TO-DAY'S SENIOR SHIELD MATCH

Kowloon Entertain
S. China "A"

A very interesting Senior Shield football match will be held this afternoon when Kowloon entertain South China "A" at Chatham Road.

As South China have on several occasions recently been beaten, it is difficult to forecast the result. South China will be fielding their best team, but this will in no way frighten the opposition.

Kowloon had made two changes in their attack, F. Santos and J. Cruz making up the left-wing in place of V. White and Honeyball. Cruz is a very clever left-winger and makes his first appearance to-day in the Senior match.

FANCY DRESS HOCKEY

MATCH TO-DAY

A fancy dress hockey match will take place this afternoon on the Y.M.C.A. ground, when a Y.M.C.A. team will oppose a team comprised of the cast of the recent Y.M.C.A. pantomime.

The Ugly Sisters Messrs Bob Henderson and Willy Simpson will umpire.

SMALL UNITS' HOCKEY

FINAL TO-DAY

The final of the Army Small units knock-out hockey competition will be played at Sookunpoo this afternoon, at 4 p. m., when Headquarters Wing and "C" Company of the Rajputana Rifles will clash.

P.W.D. Only Surviving Third Division Team

MIDDLESEX AND SOUTH CHINA FAVOURED TO WIN

(By "UBIQUE")

Taking advantage of the New Year holidays, a number of Junior football matches will be featured to-day in a large and varied programme, the most interesting of which will be Third Round encounters in the Junior Shield Competition.

The only surviving Third Division team, is P.W.D., who have done remarkably well during the past two months after a very poor start, and their encounter with the 5th A.A. Regiment, Royal Artillery, at Sookunpoo, should be interesting.

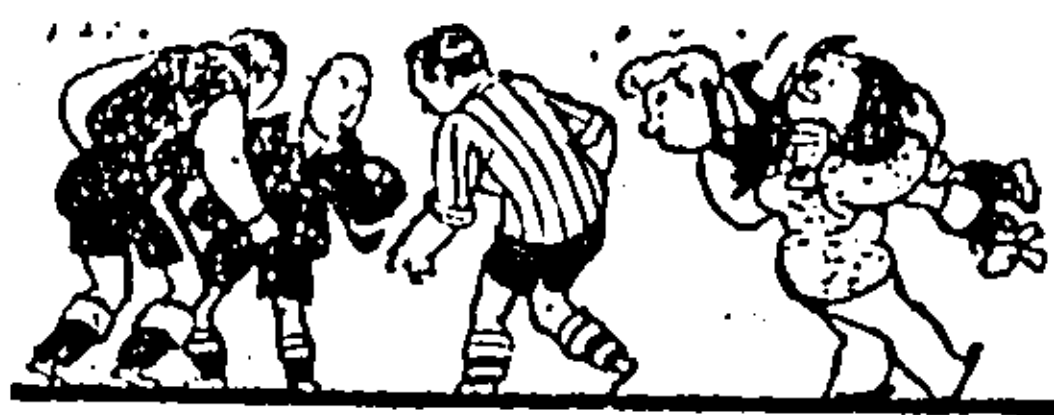
Bill Bailey, the P.W.D. goalkeeper, will have a busy afternoon against the Gunners' forward line where Calvert, Coughlin and Percival are all dangerous in front of goal.

The Public Works will depend to a very great extent on Ho Kar-keung, former Chinese Athletic star who has been their main goal scorer this season.

Provided none of their players are taken for the Senior team, Kowloon should fully extend the Middlesex in the other game. Kowloon have a number of fast youngsters in the Santos brothers and Jorge.

HOT FAVOURITES

Middlesex are now hot favourites for the Shield having ousted the strong Stonecutters team, but will have to give a better performance than they did against South China last week,



when their forwards were in poor shooting form.

South China, leaders of the Second Division, receive their greatest test when they encounter the Royal Engineers.

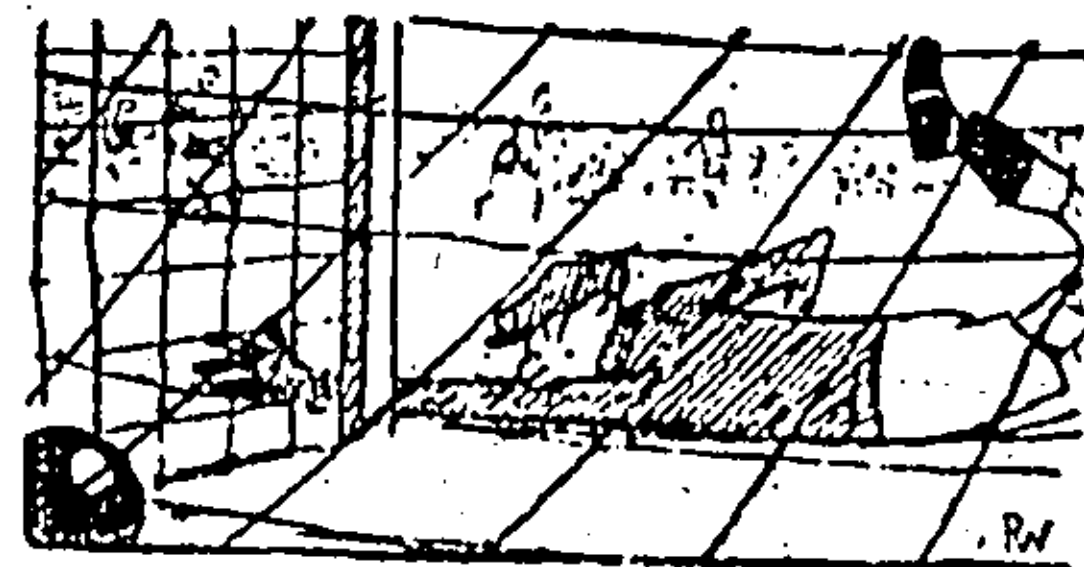
The Sappers have not done well in the League, but are still able to field a strong side and, with the probable inclusion of Lan, have a fair chance of getting through.

Several Third Division games will also be featured, but no change in the League Tables is anticipated as most of the leading teams are playing those in the lower half.

To-day's Local Football Forecast

TO-DAY

Senior Shield 2nd Round
Kowloon v South China "A"
(Kowloon, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Kossick.
Linesmen:—Phillips and Marriott.
Junior Shield 3rd Round
5th R.A. v P.W.D.
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Finch.
Middlesex v Kowloon
(Sookunpoo, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Hinchliffe.



S. China "A" v R.E.
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Omar.
Second Division
St. Joseph's v Eastern
(St. Joseph's, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Clark.
Third Division "A"
South China v R.E. (C.)
(Caroline Hill, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Havelaar.
Kit Che v 5th R.A.
(Military, 4.00 p.m.).
Referee:—McIlgrew.
Third Division "B"
University v Powhattan
(St. Joseph's, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Silva.
R.E. (E.) v A.S.A.
(Military, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Burgess.

SUNDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1939

Senior Shield 2nd Round
S. China "B" v Eastern
(Caroline Hill, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Hooper.
Linesmen:—Barretto and Hartley.

MONDAY, 2ND JANUARY, 1939

Senior Shield 2nd Round
St. Joseph's v Royal Navy
(Causeway Bay, 3.30 p.m.).
Referee:—McCormack.
Linesmen:—Brothwell and Edwards.
Club v Police
(Club, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Ip.
Linesmen:—McIlgrew and Burgess.

Second Division
Club v Police
(Club, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Aylwin.

WEDNESDAY, 4TH JAN., 1939

Third Division "B"
Stonecutters v University
(Kowloon, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Gamlin.

Third Division "A"
Stanley v 5th R.A.
(Military, 4 p.m.).
Referee:—Waldron.

Junior Shield 3rd Round
24th R.A. v Royal Scots
(Sookunpoo, 2.30 p.m.).
Referee:—Molyneux.

"REVIEWER'S" SPORTS COMMENTARY

"Eight Weeks" Rule To Be Opposed By S.L.T.A.

The main point of discussion at the annual meeting of the Scottish Lawn Tennis Association, held in the Station Hotel, Perth, last week, involved the granting of expenses to players attending amateur tournaments. The meeting was presided over by Mr. L. G. Collins, president of the Association.

The discussion centred on the "Eight Weeks" rule which decrees that any National Association may permit the payment of travelling and reasonable living expenses to its own nationals, and to the nationals of any other National Association which permits such payments, but, on the other hand, a player who is not officially selected, or authorised by his Association, shall not receive travelling or living expenses for a period of more than eight weeks in any one year, including time spent in travelling.

"It is simply creating professionalism, and encouraging tournaments to get star players with the object of attracting crowds and making money out of the game," said one of the councilors.

It was stated that the question of amateurism on this point was a side issue and that in official championships nominated players were allowed expenses.

It was thereafter decided that the Association should vote against the "eight weeks" rule which will form one of the most important items on the agenda at the forthcoming annual meeting of the Lawn Tennis Association.

It was reported that the Scottish Championships will be held at the new tennis centre at Craiglockhart, Edinburgh, on dates still to be fixed.

The "Cricketer Annual"

Once again the "Cricketer Annual" contains a wealth of matter critical, historical, statistical, anecdotal, pictorial, and even poetical and imaginative. All for half a crown.

In "Notes by the Editor" Sir Pelham Warner resumes his advocacy of five-day Tests in this country. If, as is likely, recent recommendations are adopted his wish will come true. His views on the condition of English cricket make heartening reading, though he is not completely satisfied about the bowling.

P. G. H. Fender discusses the Australians, A. E. R. Gilligan extols the joys of fielding, and Woolley's wonderful accomplishments are set out in full. It is perhaps a pity that in the review of Yorkshire's season no mention is made of Wood's wicket-keeping.

ROYAL SCOTS INTER-SQUAD TIES

(By AIR MAIL)

An inter-squad competition was held at Depot, The Royal Scots, Glencorse Barracks, Colonel Bruce Turnbull refereed the finals. Results:—Winning squad, "LYS" squad; runners-up, "Struma" squad.

Individual results:—Pte. Forrest beat Pte. Rough; Pte. Russell beat Pte. O'Neill; Pte. Gairns beat Pte. Jones; Pte. Garth beat Pte. Hannan; Pte. Michie beat Pte. Robertson; Pte. Lonie beat Pte. Rowbottom.

SCOTTISH UNION AT NEWMARKET

Mr. J. V. Rank's St. Leger winner, Scottish Union, accompanied by Black Speck, Michoumy, Knight's Armour, and another to lead work, have arrived at Newmarket, having travelled from the Druids Lodge training establishment by a special train. They have been sent for a change of air and surroundings.

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Deciding T.T. Rugby Match

Club And Navy Stronger Than Hitherto.

(By REFEREE)

The deciding match in the Triangular Rugby Tournament will take place this afternoon at 4 p.m. on the Club ground when Club meet Navy in their second encounter after having lost the first by 14 points to 13 three weeks ago.

Both teams will be at full strength, Club bringing J. S. Dunnett back into their pack as a second row forward, while Navy have been considerably strengthened in the full-back berth by the return of Lt. Stevens.

Preceding this, Club "A" fifteen will meet Royal Engineers at 2.45 p.m.

To-day's teams are as follows:
Club 1st XV:—M. W. MacGrath; G. K. Chadwick, H. D. Bidwell (Captain), W. E. Grieve, D. H. Stewart; F. Cessford, J. R. Henderson; K. A. Watson, K. W. Salter, C. M. Stark; J. S. Dunnett, W. E. Peers; H. W. E. Heath, A. J. G. Taylor and W. B. Richardson.
Club A XV:—F. M. Thompson; D.

I. Bosanquet, D. Hynes, E. Tavernier, H. van Leeuwen; J. Hutchison, E. C. Luscombe; R. G. L. Oliphant, P. W. Burton, E. A. Bompas; G. J. P. Carey, J. C. Davies; W. Stoker, K. H. G. White and J. Redman (Captain).
Royal Navy:—Pay Lieut. Steven (Kent); Lieut. (E) Lewis (Birmingham); P. O. Askwith (Dainty), Lieut. Skelton (Midway), Lieut. Walter (Medway); Lieut. Elliot (Eagle), Lieut. Talbot (Medway); A. B. Thatcher (Eagle), Mr. Witherden (Duncan), Ldg. Sea, Romans (Eagle), Sub Lt. (A) Hain (Eagle), Lieut. Darling (Medway), Lieut. Ogle (Medway), Lieut. Anderson (Medway) and Lieut. Griffiths (Medway).

TABLE TO-DATE

	P.	W.	L.	F.	A.	Pts.
Navy	2	2	0	46	13	4
Club	3	2	1	72	29	4
Army	3	0	3	15	91	0



FINAL T.T. CRICKET MATCH

Club Meets Navy

Commencing this afternoon is the last of the matches in the Triangular cricket tournament in which Hong Kong Cricket Club will meet Navy on the Club ground.

On this match rests the championship. Club met Army over the Christmas holidays and gave them a severe beating by 10 wickets.

During this week, Navy, after fighting an uphill battle throughout

SIMPSON DEFEATS EASTMAN IN K.G.C. FINAL

In the final of the Kowloon Golf Club championship played on Christmas Day, W. C. Simpson beat A. L. Eastman 7 and 6.

Simpson's score of 150 was a very creditable performance, and he is to be congratulated on winning his first championship.

most of their game with Army, emerged successful by 82 runs. It was a grand performance featured by invaluable stands by Lieut. Comdr. Kennedy and Lieut. Firth and later by Kennedy and Marine Moores which resulted in the Navy score being taken from 66 for 6 to 238 after Army had secured a lead of 88 runs on the first innings.

Club are fielding their most powerful team and with Navy having found their feet, an excellent game should result to-day to be continued on Monday.

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WELL TAKEN SIR! Sgt. Patterson, after scoring 43 for Army against Navy in the Triangular Tournament Cricket match last Wednesday at H.K.C.C., was dismissed by being caught in the slips by Capt. Whitmarsh off C. P. O. Paxton's bowling. ("China Mail" photo).

THIRTEENTH ROUND KNOCK-OUT

Boon Takes Light-Weight Title From Crowley

BRITISH CHAMPION AT 18

(By AIR MAIL)

Scenes almost unprecedented greeted the dramatic thirteenth round knock-out victory of Eric Boon, the Chatteris blacksmith's assistant, in his British light-weight championship fight with Dave Crowley, holder, at Harringay, as scores of excited spectators jumped up to the ring and fought with equally excited officials in their efforts to congratulate the winner.

Colonel Myddelton, chairman of the Boxing Board of Control, pinned the Lonsdale Belt round Boon's waist, and thereby crowned probably the youngest champion Britain has ever had. Boon will not be 19 until the end of the month.

Boon looked more flustered by the display of hero-worship than at any moment in the fight, and long after Crowley, the defeated champion, had been marshalled away almost unnoticed, Boon sat on the stool in his corner and held court. Ten minutes elapsed before his seconds could cut off his gloves, and a broadcast appeal had to be made to those in the ring to leave it. Then through the struggling mass which had rushed from the cheaper seats and stood six deep in the gangways, someone pushed Mrs. Boon, and for the first time in her life she got into a boxing ring and kissed her son.

PERFECT KNOCK-OUT

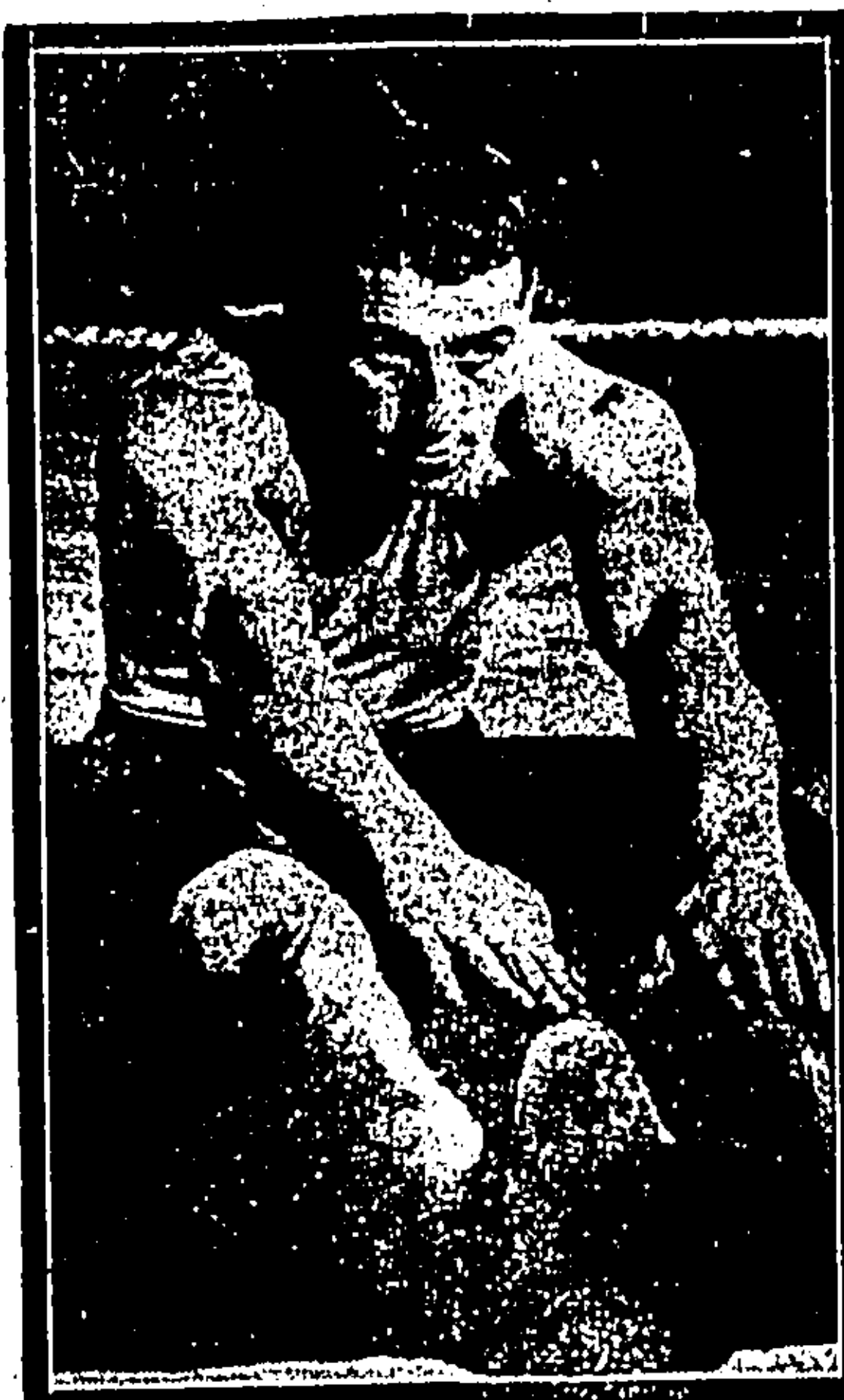
It was indeed a great and courageous victory for the boy. From

the second round onwards his eye had gradually been swelling, until by the half-way stage he was partially blind. Even with this handicap, however, Boon conceived a perfect knock-out.

He had done enough to be slightly in front when the thirteenth round started, but Crowley had stood up so well to the young blacksmith's heavy punches earlier on that the possibility of a knock-out seemed to have receded. Boon was trying all the time to land a devastating hook, and Crowley, coming in with head down, gave him a perfect opportunity. A right crashed on to Crowley's jaw, and sent him down dazed and bewildered, for a count of seven.

PERFECT RIGHT HOOK

Crowley got up, was forced across the ring to the ropes, and then, Boon, feinting with his left, landed another perfect right hook to the chin, and Crowley went down once more, right in front of the timekeeper, with his arms dangling over the bottom rope. His mouth was half open, and his eyes glazed, but it seemed as though



Len Harvey, above, seen during training, will meet James J. Braddock, ex-heavyweight champion of the world at Earl's court in May.

he were still sensible enough to hear the count. He shifted his arms, and made an attempt to rise, but could not move, although he was on the point of trying to get up again when the count ended.

In the eleventh round he had Crowley down for seven from a right hook to the body, and at intermittent periods unbalanced the champion with his hammerlike hooks and swings. Crowley, it is true, was not at his best. His form was not up to championship standard, and, contrary to expectations, he was not clever enough to stop the more vigorous Boon.

STILL TO LEARN

Although a champion, Boon has still a lot to learn, but he has courage, and, above all, a knock-out punch with both hands. Crowley did not put anything like the same force into his blows, which was accounted for afterwards by the fact that both hands were badly swollen.

Crowley scaled 9 st 7 lbs 10 ozs at the weigh-in, and Boon 9 st 9 lbs—the limit. The first time he stepped on the scales Boon was an ounce overweight, but he took it off within five minutes.

BRADMAN, McCABE STAR

Both Bradman and McCabe had centuries in the match between an Australian Eleven and The Rest at Melbourne, Bradman hit 12 4's, McCabe 11. Scores:—Australian Eleven 426 (Bradman 118, McCabe 105, Slevers three for 53). The Rest 215 (S. G. Barnes 63, O'Reilly five for 78, L. O'B. Fleetwood-Smith four for 79) and 23 for nil.

OXFORD AGAIN FALL TO CAMBRIDGE

(By AIR MAIL)

Cambridge scored their ninth successive victory over Oxford in the annual squash rackets match by 5 games to 0 in London.

GOLF STARTING TIMES

Holiday Pairings For Fanling

The following are the Royal Hong Kong Golf Club starting times for Fanling during the New Year Holidays:—

SUNDAY, 1ST JANUARY, 1939.

Old Course

9.16 a.m. H. H. Mundy, C. Mycock.
9.20 " A. E. Lissaman, W. J. S. Key.
9.24 " T. Lindars, L. A. R. Duncan.
9.28 " S. H. Dodwell, I. H. Geare.
9.32 " A. D. Humphreys, D. H. Blake.
9.36 " P. S. Delany, E. T. McMullen.
9.40 " R. H. Gregory, W. Wooding.
9.44 " D'Arcy Weatherbe, K. S. Morrison.
9.48 " G. C. Worrall, Comdr. Hole.
9.52 " C. M. Gee, J. W. Mayhew.
9.56 " G. McGrane, C. F. Marshall.

New Course

9.24 a.m. H. & Mrs. Overy.
10.12 " G. S. Archbutt, F. A. Redmond.
10.20 " Lt. Col. & Mrs. Matthews.

MONDAY, 2ND JANUARY

Old Course

9.16 a.m. A. W. Hodges, S. C. Feltham.
9.20 " Pay. Cdr. Colson, Col. Holt.
9.24 " E. Laidlaw, J. W. Mayhew.
9.28 " L. C. F. Bellamy, J. Forbes.
9.32 " F. Groves, J. Stenersen.
9.36 " G. McGrane, C. F. Marshall.
9.40 " J. Hackney, P. H. Scoones.
9.44 " W. T. Yoxall, H. J. D. Lowe.
9.48 " A. H. Penn, V. R. Gordon.
9.52 " Lt. Cdr. Murray, J. B. Mackie.
9.56 " J. E. Richardson, R. M. Wood.
10.00 " C. H. Burton, R. Young.
10.04 " S. J. H. Fox, I. H. Geare.
10.08 " P. S. Cassidy, D. A'Arcy Weatherbe.
10.12 " R. L. S. Webb, A. A. Bremner.
10.16 " A. V. Greaves, W. M. Barton.
10.20 " P. S. Delany, C. M. Gee.
New Course
9.24 a.m. W. Sharp, T. J. O'Brien.
9.32 " A. D. Humphreys, W. G. Adams.
9.40 " H. & Mrs. Overy.
9.48 " Mrs. Webb, Miss Thompson.

AL DELANEY HAS £1,000 BACKING AGAINST HARVEY

(By AIR MAIL)

An offer to back Al Delaney, Canadian heavy-weight, for £1,000 in a fight against Len Harvey, British champion, has been made by Mr. Hugh McAlevy, a Belfast sportsman.

Mr. McAlevy, a member of the National Sporting Club, saw Delaney in training for his fight against Pancho Villar at Earls Court, London. He was so impressed by the Canadian's form that he instantly made his offer to Delaney's manager.

Delaney will have the support of the NSC for an Empire title match with Harvey.



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THE CRYSTAL-CLEAR LIQUEUR

Army Make Grand Recovery

Share Spoils With Navy In T.T. Hockey Encounter

Lt. Cdr. Kennedy And
Lt. Pritam Nath
In Limelight

(By "STICKS")

A much strengthened Army hockey team was given a shock yesterday at Sookunpoo where, but for a last minute rally, they might have conceded two points to Navy in their second encounter in the Triangular Hockey Tournament, the teams sharing eight goals in one of the finest matches seen in the series to date.

Outstanding feature of the match was the performance of the respective centre-forwards, Lt. Comdr. Kennedy, for Royal Navy, and Lt. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles) for the Army, the latter, making his first appearance in the Colony since his return from furlough, and has lost none of his former brilliance.

Kennedy, however, stood head and shoulders above the rest of the forwards on view and scored a brilliant "hat-trick", his last and the Navy's fourth goal being one of the finest witnessed for some years.

FINE DEFENCE

Navy's backs, lying well up the field, in fact almost on the heels of their halves, gave Army's attack little chance of settling down and both Steele-Perkins and Carr, the full-backs, must be given credit for yeoman service in defence.

Navy were forced to field a substitute at the last moment, in Comdr. Bowerman, at left-half, but the latter, in spite of not having handled a hockey stick for some years, gave a very fine display of spoiling tactics and was only beaten in the latter stages of the second half by a nasty knock on the ankle and for want of stamina. Pitted as he was against a very fast right-wing combination comprising Khuda Bux and Lt. Indarjit Singh, he more than held his own in tussles with them.

REVERSE-STICK PLAY

One of the outstanding features of the game was the remarkable display of reverse-stick work of the Navy defence, this resulting in many intercepted passes and splendid clearances by Firth, at centre-half, and Carr, at left-back. Both these players rarely mistimed a reverse stick clearance and rendered fine service in breaking up dangerous Army movements down the centre.

The outstanding defender on view was undoubtedly Whetton, Army's right-half, who gave a brilliant display of stickwork rivaling that of

K. C. GANDAR-DOWER'S VICTORY

Wins Amateur Squash Championships

K. C. Gandar-Dower (Queen's Club) won the amateur squash rackets championship for the first time by defeating D. I. Burnett. Army champion, 2-9, 10-8, 9-6, 10-8, in the final at the Bath Club, London.

Gandar-Dower played with a six-year-old racket, which, after being broken during a knock-up, was repaired in time for the match.

Willy Reed at his best. Whetton's positioning was excellent, but in the last stages of the game he undertook more than his responsibilities and left the whole of his flank exposed to an attack by Navy's left-wing.

STICKLEY OFF FORM

Goodwin was the pick of the two goalkeepers and gave a grand display of anticipation which was "uncanny," but he had little chance with the shots which beat him. Dove should have stopped two of the Navy's goals, but improved in the latter stages of the game.

Stickley, the Colony and Middlesex full-back, experienced an off-day and could do little right, but Carter was very reliable as usual. Steele-Perkins and Carr, as a combination, were far superior to the Army pair, first time clearances being a feature of their game.

There was little to choose between the two intermediate lines. Whetton and Lt. Hook shone for Army, while Firth and Bowerman were the pick of the Navy's halves. Firth had a very difficult task against Lt. Pritam Nath and that he was able to hold the Army leader in the opening half was tribute enough to his performance.

FINE FORWARD LINE

As an attacking machine, Navy were much the superior of Army. Retaining their positions almost throughout the game, Navy's inside-forwards were very dangerous, Kennedy and Medd always looking like scoring when in possession.

Kennedy's deft little touches and deflections of clearances by his defenders to his colleagues were a pleasure to watch and if he is in the Colony when Macao visit us, he must surely be a strong contender for Interport honours. His tremendous speed and stick-work were yesterday responsible for two brilliant goals.

Pritam Nath, lacking support from his two inside forwards, Lt. Indarjit Singh and Nerain Singh, both of whom were very much off-colour, was forced to carry the burden of attack on his own shoulders and secured a "hat-trick" against a fast clearing and tackling Navy defence.

KHUDA BUX SHINES

Khuda Bux, Army's right-winger, was the pick of the four wingers on

F.J. Lay And W.G. Pryde In Big Cricket Stand

Outstanding feature of the drawn cricket match at Pokfulam yesterday, between Combined Schools and the University, was the first wicket stand of 188 between F. J. Lay (109) and W. G. Pryde (91). Schools declared their innings closed at 262 for 5, and Varsity played out time for the loss of 7 wickets.

COMBINED SCHOOLS

F. J. Lay, c Gegg, b Matthews	109
W. G. Pryde, b Teoh	91
T. M. Suiter, c Teoh, b Matthews	4
J. Gosano, c Singh, b Teoh	25
G. Stone, b Ng	5
G. Kew, not out	6
D. Hutchinson, not out	2
Extras	20
Total (for 5 wks. dec.)	262

display, although Miller, Navy's left-winger, often came into the picture with terrific bursts of speed and centres which should have been turned to better account, but as it was, he actually outpaced his inside forwards.

Navy opened the scoring through Medd who scored from an oblique angle and soon after Kennedy placed them further ahead with a grand goal. Whetton then broke clean through the Navy defence on the right and shot from the edge of the circle for a goal, but this was disallowed because of "sticks." Soon after Lt. Pritam Nath culminated a splendid run down the centre with a snap goal off a centre from the right-wing, but Kennedy placed Navy further in the lead when he raced through the centre, sending the ball ahead and racing Whetton and Stickley to score past the advancing Dove. Just before the interval Pritam Nath again reduced Army's arrears from a goalmouth melee.

TWO "HAT-TRICKS"

In the second half Army showed some improvement, but Kennedy completed his "hat-trick" when he took advantage of a mishit by Stickley to race through and net with a glorious one-handed shot from an oblique angle.

It was at this stage that Bowerman was injured and the Navy defence began to crack. Pritam Nath completed his "hat-trick" when Whetton broke through on the right to send back a glorious centre from the goal-line which Goodwin only managed to stop with his pads, Pritam Nath following up splendidly to net.

Three minutes before the final whistle the one and only concerted movement on Army's left-wing brought a goal. Nerain Singh racing through to score the equaliser. Navy tried hard in the last few minutes to get ahead again, but to no avail and a splendid game ended in a draw.

R. Navy:—Lt. Goodwin; Surg. Lt. Steele-Perkins and Lt. Carr; Lt. Gunar, Lt. Firth and Comdr. Bowerman; Lt. Whitworth, Lt. Woods, Lt. Comdr. Kennedy (Captain), Lt. Medd and F. O. Miller.

Army:—L/Cpl. Dove (R.C.S.); Pte. Stickley (M'sex) and L/Bdr. Carter (R.A.); L/Cpl. Metton (R.E.), Lieut. Hook (R.A.) and L/Sgt. Fraser (R. Scots); L/Nk. Khuda Bux (R.A.), Lieut. Indarjit Singh (Rajputana Rifles), Lieut. Pritam Nath (Rajputana Rifles), L/Nk. Kerain Singh (Kumaons) and Rlm. Pataub Singh (Kumaons).

N. Smith, J. Fisher, T. L. Lockhart and W. Mulachy did not bat.

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
K. L. Ng	14	3	84	1
R. Singh	7	0	38	0
C. H. Teoh	18	1	68	2
G. Hong Choy	3	0	19	0
W. S. Gegg	2	0	11	0
J. Fong	2	0	16	0
C. N. Matthews	6	0	26	2

UNIVERSITY

K. L. Ng, run out	6
K. E. Tam, c Gosano, b Smith	8
W. S. Gegg, c Lay, b Pryde	22
J. Fong, b Gosano	34
G. Hong Choy, b Gosano	14
K. S. Oh, c Hutchinson, b Pryde	8
Sen Gupta, not out	33
C. H. Teoh, b Pryde	8
C. N. Matthews, not out	4
Extras	43

Total (for 7 wks.) 180

Bowling Analysis

	O.	M.	R.	W.
Smith	14	6	24	1
Hutchinson	8	1	17	0
J. Gosano	15	4	33	2
Stone	4	2	6	0
Pryde	13	3	50	4
Kew	1	0	8	0

SECOND TEST MATCH FOR TO-DAY

South Africa's Three Changes

ENGLAND DROP YARDLEY

The Second Test match between South Africa and the M.C.C. (England) commences this morning at Capetown, where an interesting match should ensue.

It will be recalled that the First Test match resulted in a draw, South Africa playing out time in their second innings.

England's team for to-day has been announced, and N.W.D. Yardley, who failed in the First Test to get going, has been dropped in favour of Leonard Hutton, who was unable to play through injury as a result of being hit by a ball.

THREE CHANGES

South Africa have three changes from their first team. Dalton, whose century in the first test was largely responsible for pulling South Africa out of the fire, has been dropped, while Bond also makes way for another newcomer. P. Balaskas, the South African googly bowler and Rowan are two newcomers.

N. K. Viljoen injured his hand and has been forced to stand down, J. Briscoe taking his place.

The South African team is as follows:

The team is.—A. Melville, B. Mitchell, A. B. C. Langton, W. Wade, J. Briscoe, A. D. Nourse, P. Van der Byl, E. W. Davies, Balaskas, N. Gordon, Rowan.

ENGLAND'S TEAM

England's team was announced yesterday and is the same as in the First Test with the exception that Leonard Hutton (Yorkshire) replaces N. W. D. Yardley (Cambridge and Yorkshire). Edrich has been retained.

The team is as follows: W. R. Hammond, B. H. Valentine, P. A. Gibbs, Edrich, Goddard, Hutton, Paynter, Verity, Wright, Ames and N. W. D. Yardley (twelfth man).—Reuter.

Wishing you all

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12-12.20 p.m.—Relay of a Service of Intercession from St. John's Cathedral.
12.30 p.m.—Marcel Mule and His Saxophone.
La Precieuse (Couperin, arr. Kreisler); Schon Rosmarin (Kreisler); Humoreske (Dvorak-Kreisler).... with Piano.
12.40 p.m.—Light Orchestral.
1 p.m.—Local Time Signal and Weather Report.
1.03 p.m.—Hungarian Music and Viennese Waltzes.
1.30 p.m.—Reuter and Rugby Press, Weather Forecast and Announcements.
1.40 p.m.—Ronnie Munro & His Orchestra with Sophie Tucker and Arthur Riscoe.
2.15 p.m.—Close down.
6 p.m.—Dance Music.
Quickstep—Mine Alone (from 'Paprika'); Slow Fox-Trot—Magyar Melody (from 'Paprika')... Victor Silvester & His Ballroom Orch.
Fox-Trot—Ol' Man Mose... Eddy Duchin & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Fox-Trot—Between The Devil and The Deep Blue Sea; Selection—Alexander's Ragtime Band... New Mayfair Dance Orchestra.
Waltzes—The Last Drops; Dorfkinde (from 'Gypsy Princess')—Kalmann... Orchestra Mascotte.
Fox-Trot—Mama, I wanna Make Rhythm (film 'Manhattan Music Box')... Jack Harris & His Orchestra with vocal refrain by Dinah Miller.
Fox-Trots—One O'Clock Jump; Lullaby In Rhythm... Eddie Carroll & His Swingphonie Orchestra.
Slow Fox-Trot—Hush, Here Comes The Dream Man... Henry Hall & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Waltz—Tu-Li-Tulip Time; Fox-Trot—Beside A Moonlit Stream....

Today's Wireless

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Horace Heidt & His Alemitte Brigadiers with vocal chorus.
Fox-Trots—A Stranger In Parade (film 'Gay Impostors'); Day Dreaming (film 'Gay Impostors')... Vincent Lopez & His Orchestra with vocal chorus by Johnny Russel.
Selection—Everybody Sing... Louis Levy & His Orchestra with vocal chorus.
Fox-Trots—Ten Easy Lessons; Small Fry (film 'Sing You Sinners')... Adrian Rollini Quintet.
7 p.m.—Closing local Stock Quotations.
7.02 p.m.—The Rocky Mountaineers.
Poor Dinah (Morton Morrow); It Ain't Nobody's Biz'ness What I Do (Sampsel & Markowitz); Polly Wolly Doodle; Big Rock Candy Mountain; Underneath The Old Pine Tree; The Trail Of The Lonesome Pine... accompanied by the Bunk House Boys.
7.14 p.m.—Film Memories.
A Day At The Races—Selection.... Anton & The Paramount Theatre Orchestra, London, with Al Bollington at the Organ.
Going Greek—A Little Co-Operation From You... Judy Shirley (Vocal) with Orchestra.
Firefly—Selection... Louis Levy & His Gaumont-British Symphony with vocal refrain.
The Night Is Young—When I Grow Too Old To Dream... Irene Dunne (Soprano) with Orchestra.
Every Night At Eight—Selection... Phil Green & His Orchestra with vocal refrain.
Tell Me To-night—Tell Me To-night... Richard Crooks (Tenor) with Orchestra.
7.30 p.m.—Marek Weber & His Orchestra in Concert Waltzes with Miliza

Korjus (Soprano).
Wine, Women And Song—Waltz (Strauss); Moonlight On The Aisler—Waltz (Fetras)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Olympia's Aria—The Doll's Song (from 'Tales of Hoffmann'—Offenbach)... Miliza Korjus (Soprano) with Orch. cond. by Franz Schonbaumsfeld (Sung in German).
Dream Waltz (Millocker); Maidens Of Baden—Waltz (Komzak)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
Thousand And One Nights Waltz (Strauss)... Miliza Korjus and Berlin State Opera Orchestra (Soprano in German).
Artist's Life—Waltz (Strauss)... Marek Weber & His Orchestra.
8 p.m.—Local Time Signal, Weather Report and Announcements.
8.03 p.m.—Mills Brothers, The Boswell Sisters and Harry Roy's Tiger Ragamuffins.
Swing Is The Thing (Bloom)... The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).
From Monday On (Crosby-Barris)... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins with vocal refrain by Harry Roy.
Sentimental Gentleman From Georgia (Parish-Perkins)... The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.
Miss Otis Regrets (from 'Hi Diddle Diddle')... The Mills Brothers (Four Boys and a Guitar).
Ragtime Cowboy Joe (Muir-Abrahams); Sailing On The Robert E. Lee (McCauley-Ringle)... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.
Shoe Shine Boys (Chaplin, Cahn)... The Mills Brothers.
Alexander's Ragtime Band (from the film)... The Boswell Sisters with Orchestra.
You Made Me Love You (McCarthy-Monaco)... Harry Roy's Tiger-Ragamuffins.
8.30 p.m.—Selections from Light Opera.
H.M.S. Pinafore—Selection (Gilbert & Sullivan)... The B.B.C. Theatre Orchestra conducted by Stanford Robinson.
Paganini—Vocal Gems (Lehar)... Light Opera Company.

Film Memories: Light Opera: Marek Weber

"The Maid Of The Mountains" (Fraser-Simson)... The London Palladium Orchestra conducted by Richard Cressan.
"The Three Musketeers"—Vocal Gems... Victor Light Opera Company.
8.50 p.m.—London Relay—'London Log'.
9 p.m.—Old Time Songs.
Who Were You With Last Night?; Mysterious Rag; Oh! You Beautiful Doll; My Boy; My Southern Maid... Columbia Light Opera Company with Orchestra conducted by Charles Prentice.
Won't You Come Home, Bill Bailey; The Ship I Love; Git yer 'air Cut; Champagne Charlie; After the Ball; Break the News to Mother; Ta-ra-boom-de-ay... The Big Four (Vocal Quartette) with Piano.
Has anybody here seen Kelly; I do like to be beside the seaside; I want to sing in Opera; When Irish eyes are smiling; I'll make a man of everyone of you; Tipperary; Hold your hand out, naughty boy; Pack up your troubles; A Broken Doll; Ours is a nice 'ouse, ours is; One of the ruins that Cromwell knocked about a bit; Yes, we have no bananas; I lift up my finger and I say 'Tweet, Tweet'; I wonder where my baby is to-night; Good-night, Vienna; Life begins at Oxford Circus; Jack Hylton; A wee Deoch and Doris; Sir Harry Lauder; Sally—Gracie Fields... Music Hall Orchestras and Artists.
Sheik of Araby; What'll I do; It ain't gonna Rain; Horsey keep your Tail Up; Valencia; Bye Bye Blackbird; Romona; It happened in Monterey; Dancing with Tears in my eyes; River stay away from my door; Round the Marble Arch; Who's afraid of the Big Bad Wolf; The Man on the Flying Trapeze; My Heart was Singing... Columbia Vocal Gem Company with Orchestra.
9.30 p.m.—London Relay—The News.
9.50 p.m.—Relay of the Dance Orchestra from the Grill Room of the Hong Kong Hotel.
12 midnight—Auld Lang Syne and The Bells of St. John's Cathedral ringing in the New Year.
Close down.

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In notrump Slam bidding, strict application of The Four Aces Point Count will produce the best results about 98 per cent. of the time. Once in a while, however, if you feel that your cards fit your partner's particularly well, you may continue to a Small or Grand Slam, which otherwise would be slightly doubtful. For instance:

South, Dealer

Merwin D. Maier
♠ 6 2
♥ K 8 4
♦ A Q 8 5 3
♣ A 9 4
J 8 2
♥ J 10 7 5
♦ 4
♣ Q J 10
6 2
W E
S
A K Q
♥ A Q 9 3
♦ K J
♣ K 7 5 3
Howard Schenken

The Bidding:

South	West	North	East
3NT	Pass	30	Pass
3NT	Pass	5NT	Pass
3NT	Pass	Pass	Pass

With a High Card Value of 14½ and eight honour cards, Mr. Schenken's opening was practically a minimum; and if Mr. Maier had simply jumped to six notrump, right over 16½, Mr. Schenken would have passed. However, Mr. Maier first bid three diamonds and then six notrump. Bearing this in mind,

King-Jack of diamonds must be particularly valuable cards and would serve to solidify a diamond suit which he knew his partner must have. Hence he contracted for seven notrump.

The Queen of clubs was opened. Mr. Schenken won in his own hand with the King and promptly saw that a 4-3 break in diamonds would give him thirteen tricks. Accordingly his first play was the King of diamonds. He followed with the Jack and was somewhat annoyed to find West discarding a club. However, Mr. Schenken saw no great cause for alarm. It was almost certain that West held the Queen-Jack-ten of clubs. Accordingly, a simple three-suit squeeze was possible. He cashed the Ace-King-Queen of spades, discarding a heart from dummy, led a club to dummy's Ace and cashed the Ace-Queen of diamonds, discarding two clubs from his own hand.

At this point dummy's last four cards were the King and one heart, the nine of clubs and a low diamond. East had to hold the high diamond and hence could not have more than three hearts. West had to hold a high club and also could not have more than three hearts. Therefore, irrespective of the original heart distribution, Mr. Schenken knew the suit would drop and spread his hand. It will be noted that the way the cards actually were, West had been squeezed and forced to let go a heart on the last diamond play.

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What's On At the Cinemas

AT THE KING'S—"The Drum." Alexander Korda's thrilling and spectacular drama of India's famous North-west Frontier, based on a story by A. E. W. Mason. With Sabu, Raymond Massey, Roger Livesey, Valesky, Valerie Hobson, Desmond Tester and a cast of many thousands.

AT THE STAR—"Sing Me A Love Song." An O. Henry style romance set to music with a big departmental store and dozen of lovely girls as background. The huge comedy cast includes James Melton, Patricia Ellis, Hugh Herbert, Zasu Pitts, Allen Jenkins, Nat Pendleton, Ann Sheridan, Walter Catlett, Hobart Cavanaugh and Charles Richman.

AT THE MAJESTIC—"Test Pilot." Drama, romance and pulsating action form a thrilling background for the life story of those whose daredevil courage makes for progress in the air. The brilliant cast includes Clark Gable, Myrna Loy, Spencer Tracy, Lionel Barrymore, Samuel S. Hinds and Marjorie Main.

AT THE ORIENTAL—"The Amazing Dr. Clitterhouse." Something new at last in gangster films! Interest in criminology starts a well known social doctor on a career of crime that takes him to underworld depths and ends in a trial that is thrilling and bizarre. With Edward G. Robinson, Claire Trevor, Humphrey Bogart, Allen Jenkins, Donald Crisp and Gale Page.

AT THE ALHAMBRA—"Road to Reno." The tale of a temperamental grand opera diva whose trip to the city of broken hearts takes her through a series of tempestuous and laughable experiences that lead to an unexpected "happy ending." With Randolph Scott, Hampton, Glenda Farrell, Helen Broderick, Alan Marshal, David Oliver and Ted Osborn.

AT THE QUEEN'S—"That Certain Woman." Bette Davis, Henry Fonda, Ian Hunter, Anita Louise and Donald Crisp. The intensely thrilling, poignant and powerful tale of a woman's struggle to bury her past and of her battle for the happiness of the man she loves. Surpassing even her performance in "Marked Woman".



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Loyalists Launch Counter-Attack: Italians Menaced

Barcelona, To-day.

The Republicans have launched a strong counter-attack south of Lerida and are threatening the rear of the Italian divisions now attacking Borjas Blancas.

It is admitted by the Nationalists in Saragossa that the Republicans have counter-attacked strongly in all southern sectors.

The Republicans are reported to be using militiamen drawn from reserves held ready to defend Borjas Blancas, but the Nationalists claim they repulsed the attacks with machine-guns.

General Franco's headquarters claim that Nationalist troops advancing from Granadella, captured the town of Bobera and established bridgehead across the River Canas, while troops which broke the Republican front before Balaguer bridgehead are advancing towards the Camarasa district, in spite of a temperature below freezing point.

CLOSED POCKET

It is claimed that the Nationalist advance has closed a pocket six miles deep and four miles wide, in which many Republicans were surprised and captured.

It is also claimed that the Nationalists have cut the Benaventse-Odeurgal road and now hold all power stations in Lerida province. This, it is said, gives them control over half the total Spanish hydroelectric power.—Reuter.

ATTACKS REPULSED

Barcelona, To-day.

The enemy offensive in the Balaguer sector continues, with little success, according to a bulletin of the Republican Ministry of National Defence.

Several attacks were repulsed, the enemy suffering huge losses. Supported by many tanks, the Nationalists succeeded, following several costly charges, in occupying the Montero heights.

In the lower Segre sector, the Nationalists have advanced to the

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Total revenue to November 30 was \$33,536,340 (against the estimate for the whole year of \$30,254,920) and expenditure totalled \$31,193,177.09 (against the year's estimates of \$33,379,549).

Under all heads of revenue except the Harbour Office, there has been a substantial increase on the estimates.

November's figures of revenue showed an increase of November of last year, of some \$300,000, in spite of the sharp falling off in K.C.R. and P.O. receipts.

outskirts of Granadella and fighting is still going on.

Other enemy attacks in different sectors were repulsed.—Trans-Ocean.

SALAMANCA CLAIMS

Salamanca, To-day.

Continuing their advance into Catalonia, Nationalist troops have succeeded in occupying the villages of Benavente de Tremp Covet and Clua in the Tremp sector, according to a bulletin issued by the military headquarters last night.—Trans-Ocean.

GRANADELLA STORMED

Bilbao, To-day.

Franco troops succeeded yesterday in storming the town of Granadella, according to reports received here.

Nationalist circles point out that a highway leads directly from Granadella to Borjas Blancas, the Republican headquarters.—Trans-Ocean.

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